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American senators arriving

Haig holds talks with Carrington

JEDDAH, April 10 — U.S. Senate majority leader Howard Baker, who left Washington Thursday, will arrive here Saturday on a ten-day tour of the Middle East. Baker and his delegation of several senators will have talks with government leaders and attend the official opening Sunday of the King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

"At a recent meeting with Reagan and Haig," the Republican Baker said in a departure statement, "it was decided that one important foreign initiative the administration needs to revive is the Middle East peace agreement. This trip will provide the opportunity to determine the current status of the Camp David peace accords and the subsequent action to be followed to build off that agreement."

Senator James McClure, a Republican who is also making the trip, said in another departure statement: "It is absolutely imperative that the United States continue to build good relationships with our friends in Saudi Arabia. The energy demands of the United States require that we accurately assess just what the relationship between our two nations is — how closely military considerations are tied to the shipment of Saudi Arabian oil to the United States. Baker will also visit the Sultanate of Oman, Egypt and Israel."

Meanwhile, in London, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig had 90 minutes of talks here Friday with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and gave details of his recent visit to the Middle East.

Questioned after the discussions, Haig, who arrived in London Thursday night from Madrid, declined to comment on the contribution a European initiative could make to the peace process in the Middle East. Observers said this was an important point as Lord Carrington, one of the promoters of such an initiative, takes over the chairmanship of the European Economic Community's council shortly.

A British foreign office spokesman said the talks also covered Poland and Afghanistan. They continued over lunch. Later Friday, Haig was to meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is scheduled to visit several Arab countries at the end of the month.

Haig told the news conference he had spoken with Carrington of his trip earlier this week to Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Haig said he had discussed the peace process and the "problem of external threats to the Middle East region."

When asked whether the Camp David peace plan might now be dead and that the United States might now move on to the European Middle East peace initiative, Haig did not respond directly.

Haig said the EEC initiative, as he understood it, was a fact-finding attempt. He said the United States was keeping abreast of this and that there had been "good exchanges on it."

When a reporter tried to raise the question of U.S. opposition to PLO involvement in peace negotiations, Lord Carrington interrupted the informal press briefing on the steps of the foreign office building and said he and Haig had to continue their talks over lunch.

The U.S. Secretary of state leaves Saturday for Paris where he will meet French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet before going on to Bonn, the last leg of his European tour.

Ford rejects merger

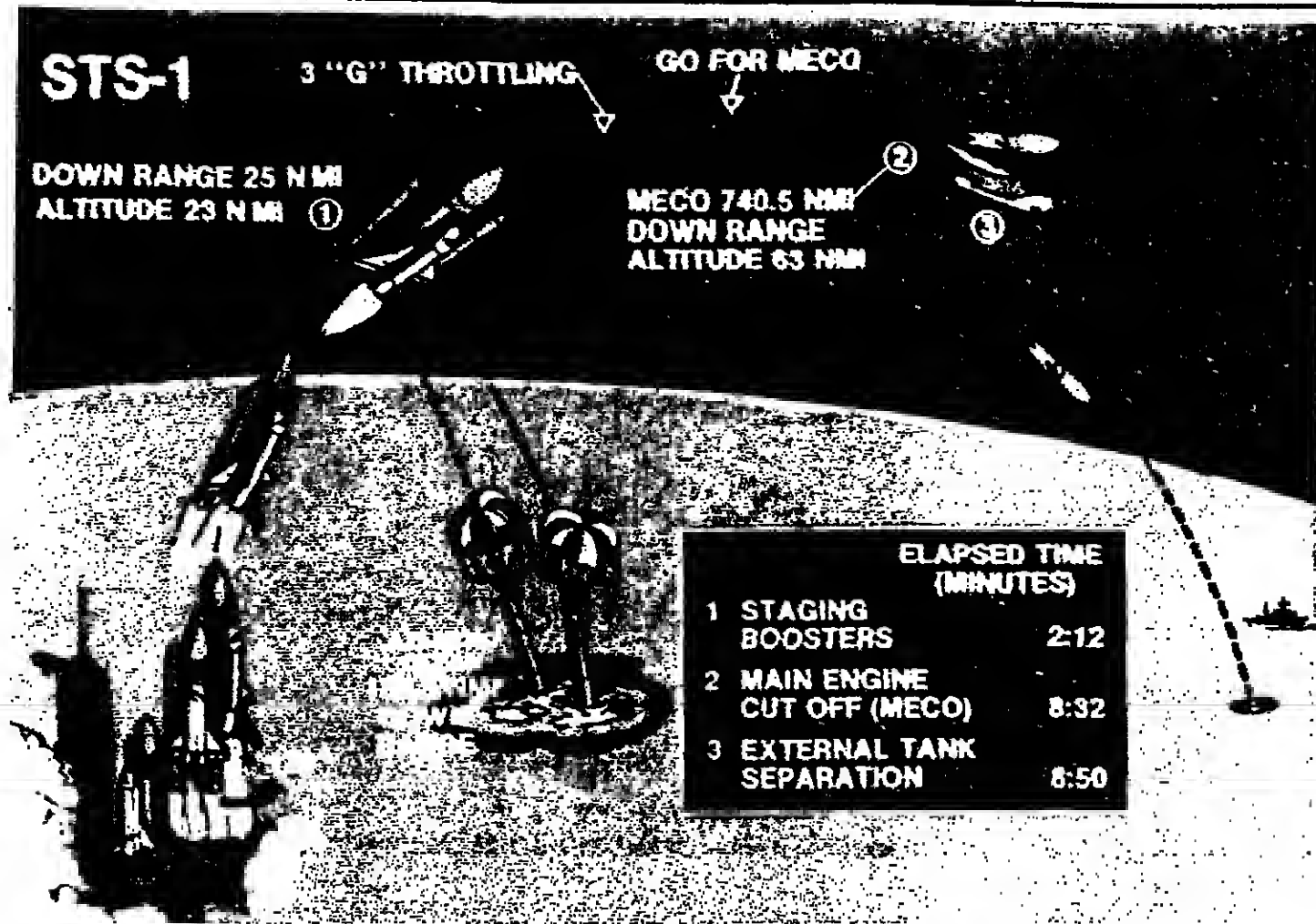
DETROIT, Michigan, April 10 (AP) — Ford Motor Co. said Friday its board of directors considered and rejected a possible merger with Chrysler Corp.

In a statement released by the no. 2 automaker, the Ford Chairman said the question was considered at a Thursday meeting of Ford's board of directors and was raised "by intermediaries acting on behalf of Chrysler." It was unanimously decided that a merger or other similar arrangement with Chrysler should be rejected as clearly not being in the best interest of Ford or its stockholders.

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SHUTTLE VOYAGE: NASA diagram showing the sequence of events during the launch of the space shuttle.

Much heralded space flight fails to take off

By Dave Kaiser
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, April 10 — The planned launching of the space shuttle Columbia from Cape Canaveral, Florida was cancelled Friday morning due to the failure of a backup computer in the on-board system. The launch has now tentatively been rescheduled for 6:50 a.m. central standard time (11:50 GMT) Sunday, April 12.

"The problem with the shuttle was in one of five on-board computers," said Mack Herring, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration here at Johnson Space Center. "One of the five units was not giving the same information and we could not carry on the launch with any of the systems not functioning."

"We tried to take care of the problem during the nine minutes and hold period which was left before launch when the problem was

discovered, but it soon became obvious that this was a major problem which would take more time to repair."

The launch time was rescheduled for later on Friday morning, but NASA technicians were unable to find the problem's cause. Herring said that technicians in Houston would continue to analyze the problem and had every confidence that the mission would be ready to go by Sunday.

"There are many places they have to look in the computer to find this problem," he said. "It could either be in the computer system or in its software, technicians will be working around-the-clock until they alleviate this problem and the countdown can be restarted."

Besides technical problems, another consideration for the cancellation was medical constraints placed on the astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen, who sat patiently strapped in their flight-deck ejection

seats as computer technicians worked on the trouble.

According to medical officials of NASA the astronauts were lying on their backs in the airplane-like orbiter and could remain in that position for only a limited time.

While space officials believed that the time limit was not quite reached, it was fast approaching when the decision was made to delay the trouble-plagued mission once again.

Young and Crippen had entered the flight deck at 4 a.m. (0900 GMT) and NASA doctors were concerned about their blood circulation because they had been in a horizontal position for more than six hours.

Young and Crippen were within 16 minutes of the planned 6:50 a.m. (1150 GMT) liftoff when they discovered a fuel cell problem. No sooner was it solved than the computer difficulty cropped up.

Launch director George Page announced the postponement when it became apparent that the computer problem could not be corrected Friday.

"We are stopping the clock," said NASA spokesman Hugh Harris at 9:59 a.m. — three hours after the scheduled liftoff.

"We're sending out a crew to open the hatch of the orbiter and take the astronauts out to their crew quarters, about 10 kilometers from the launch pad."

A requirement to empty more than half a million gallons (about 2 million liters) of volatile fuel from Columbia's tanks and to purge them before refilling — a 48-hour process — makes a Saturday liftoff impossible.

An estimated one million viewers had arrived before dawn to see the launch and left disappointed.

Earlier, President Ronald Reagan sent a good-luck message to the U.S. space shuttle astronauts, saying their mission fills Americans with a sense of pride and "we all feel as giants once again."

In a statement from his hospital room, the recuperating president told Young and Crippen that they were embarking on a daring enterprise and you take the hopes and prayers of all Americans with you.

Meanwhile, China appears to be showing exceptional interest in the launching of the U.S. space shuttle.

Only hours before the scheduled blastoff the official *People's Daily* front-page two photographs of the spaceship on its launching pad and of a UGMs. Space-program technician wearing earmuffs and looking over electronic instruments. It is the first time the Communist Party organ has given front-page treatment to a foreign space mission.

Sweden denies woman asylum

STOCKHOLM, April 10 (AP) — A daughter of Fidel Castro's former physician was refused asylum by police here, and left police headquarters with the Cuban ambassador, Swedish officials have said.

Carmen Vallejo Mitowska, 29, who had left Cuba to undergo eye treatment in Moscow and later in Helsinki, came to Stockholm on a ferry from the Finnish capital April 1, police said.

On arriving here, she applied for political asylum, but police turned down her request because she had "insufficient reasons," a police spokesman said.

The next morning, Cuban ambassador to Sweden Quinton Pino Michado was allowed by police to see Mitowska at Stockholm police headquarters. She left with him, and was apparently sent to Moscow, police said.

"When we explained that she could not stay in Sweden, she volunteered to leave the country," Olaf Dahlqvist, chief of the police department Friday said.

Yamani says

Soviet moves geared for oil

London Bureau

LONDON, April 10 — Soviet military and political moves in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and South Yemen are designed to give Moscow a strategic leverage to negotiate for part of Arab and Middle East oil, Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted as saying last month.

Yamani's remarks, came in a closed session address to Sudanese politicians and businessmen at the University of Khartoum March 22 and which awarded him an honorary doctorate in law, the London-based Arabic magazine *Al Majalla* said. The magazine quoted Yamani as saying that "in view of Russia's hard currency shortage, the Soviet Union wants to control oilfields from which it can buy in rubles."

"These fields are in Iran, which is a weak point," Yamani said. The minister added that "controlling oilfields by force will lead to third world war, especially as Iran had been until recently under Western influence."

"The question," he said, "remains as what the Soviet Union will do to get of this impasse, Russia's invitation today to Western nations to help develop Siberian hydrocarbons could be the beginning of secret U.S.-Soviet talks whose subject might be us without being a partner in the negotiations."

Pravda reported March 20 that the Soviet Union, which was having difficulty in exploiting its deposits, proposed a long-term energy deal with the West to extract Soviet hydrocarbons in return for guaranteed supplies until the end of this century and even beyond.

Al Majalla quoted Yamani as telling the Sudanese panel that "while the Soviet Union sells its oil for foreign exchange, Moscow, on the other hand, cannot sell its gold (in large quantities) for fear of causing a sharp decline in gold prices. Hence, Russia's need to buy (Iraqi) oil in rubles."

The magazine quoted Yamani as saying that "only weapon the Arab nation has is oil." "Without the (oil) weapon, the Arabs would not have been able to go into war with

Israel in October 1973, and without the oil grabbing more Arab territories by Israel could not have been stopped."

"The oil is not only a weapon in the Arab-Israeli conflict, it is also a weapon in the hands of the Third World to impose its will," Yamani added. He said "by the oil, Saudi Arabia has forced industrial powers to participate, with OPEC nations, in the U.N.-sponsored Paris conference on third-world development."

Two years of north-south dialogue "produced no results because the industrial powers wanted to discuss the energy problem". "Now we (OPEC), have taken the (oil weapon) initiative in favor of third world development and on a different basis of the Paris conference," Yamani said.

He added that the new basis (of dialogue) was drawn up by the OPEC strategic committee under which oil weapon will be used to extract what the Third World wants (transfer of technology) from the "industrial nations," Yamani also disclosed for the first time that "a south-south" dialogue as proposed by the OPEC committee will come to light in the near future."

He said that "this new strategy was being held up by the Iraqi-Iran war. But we shall not deviate from this strategic whether on the level of north-south dialogue or south-south dialogue. On international finance, Yamani told the closed-door session at Khartoum University that "there is a high-pitch battle" over the control of banking institutions (the World Bank and the IMF), and that "we are now moving toward our objectives, step by step, because we cannot jump over the barrier of time and other existing restrictions."

King arrives here; Fahd goes on leave

JEDDAH, April 10 (SPA) — King Khalid will arrive here from Riyadh Saturday to dedicate a number of projects. Meanwhile Crown Prince Fahd will take a week-long holiday inside the Kingdom, it was announced here Friday.

Laser to brighten Jeddah tonight

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 10 — Laser beams will brighten Jeddah skies Saturday night on the eve of the opening of King Abdul Aziz International Airport north of the city. The demonstration of the fascinating color beams can be seen at a radius of 25 kilometers from the new airport.

King Khalid officially declares the airport open Sunday and the opening ceremony will

be transmitted via satellites to the rest of the world.

Special equipment, flown in from West Germany, will send the beams into the Jeddah skies and cameras used in the film *Superman* will shoot a documentary on the SR15 billion airport. Charles Wip, the renowned German producer of documentaries, will direct the shooting, part of which will be made from the air.

U.S. sub accidentally sinks ship

TOKYO, April 10 (Agencies) — The United States Navy said in Tokyo Thursday night that an American nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, *George Washington*, accidentally sank a Japanese freighter in the East China Sea.

There was no damage to the submarine but the 2,350-ton *Nissho Maru* sank in 15 minutes with a crew of 15. Thirteen of the crew were rescued early Friday morning by Japanese naval boats while drifting in two rubber boats but the two others, including Capt. Yasuzo Noguchi, were reported missing.

(In Washington, the Pentagon said the submarine, which it did not identify, was on a routine training mission at the time of the collision 110 miles southeast of Sasebo which is in the south of Kyushu Island.)

(A navy spokesman said the submarine immediately surfaced but the freighter had disappeared in fog before the American crew could assess damage or find survivors.)

(The spokesman, who expressed the navy's deep regret over the incident, said a U.S. Navy aircraft immediately took out on a

reconnaissance flight, but with no more success.)

The crew members rescued from the freighter, meanwhile, arrived Friday night at Kushikino port, near Kagoshima in southern Japan. They said their ship went down in 15 minutes after colliding with what they thought might be a submarine at about 10:30 a.m. (01300 GMT) Thursday.

Chief Engineer Kureo Chiba said a twin-engine propeller-driven plane was circling overhead when the accident occurred as the *Nissho Maru* was on its way from the Japanese port of Kobe to Shanghai, China, with 1,200 tons of sundry goods. Maritime Safety Agency officials earlier speculated the submarine might belong to the Soviet Union or the United States because no Japanese naval submarines were assigned to the area at the time of the accident.

The officials said the Japanese freighter went under outside Japan's 12-mile territorial waters.

15 Sources close to the Pentagon said that neither the submarine's nuclear system nor its weapons were damaged.)

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Foundation awards 4th medicine, science prize

JEDDAH, April 10 (SPA) — A fourth annual prize for excellence in medicine and sciences will be awarded by the King Faisal Foundation, it was decided here Thursday. The other three prizes given by the foundation are given for the service to Islam, Islamic studies and Arabic literature.

At a meeting of the board of directors at the residence of Prince Abdullah Al Faisal, eldest son of the late King it was decided also to raise the prize money which now amounts to SR300,000. The foundation was estab-

lished in 1977 by the heirs of King Faisal to recognize and reward authors and scholars who serve Islam and produce works in literature and religious studies. Most of the capital and assets have been contributed by them.

The meeting approved a plan to build a cultural center for Islamic studies and other at a cost of SR40 million, and to set up a scholarship scheme for Muslim students at a cost of SR10 million. A certain percentage of the annual income of the foundation will be spent on cancer research as part of a number of plans which will be carried out for SR200 million. The foundation which now boasts of assets amounting to SR900 million has already awarded a contract for the construction of a housing and commercial center in Riyadh at a cost of SR300 million and has participated in other projects to the tune of SR67 million.

Last year's annual report said that the foundation received SR209 million donated by the heirs themselves. Only SR1 million came from the public.

The board reviewed and approved the general budget and final statement of account which will be submitted to the general assembly due to be held end of this year. The meeting was chaired by Prince Abdullah and attended by his brothers Muhammad, Khaled and Saad.



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ARRIVAL: The Finnish deputy foreign minister, Baboran Licci, arrived in Jeddah Friday afternoon to lead his country's delegation to the Joint Saudi-Finnish Commission's meetings. The commission's fourth session will start Saturday. Licci said upon his arrival that the fourth session will discuss promotion of economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. Mamoun Gabbani, head of the Foreign Ministry Western Department, and Hussein Marzouqi, deputy-chief of the Foreign Ministry protocol, welcomed the Finnish official at the airport.

Saud to tour 4 Asian countries

JEDDAH, April 10 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal will start Saturday a tour of India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka at the invitation of their foreign ministers. He will be accompanied by Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, deputy minister for economic and cultural affairs, Ambassador Abbas Cazzawi, director of the Asian department and Dr. Nizar Madani, director of foreign information and Sheikh Muhammad Al Sughair, deputy director of the Saudi Development Fund.

New company formed

JEDDAH, April 10 — A new agricultural development company with an SR400 million capital has already been approved by the council ministers. It is expected to start work as soon as a royal decree about it is issued, according to the Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh. Quoted by Okaz Friday, he said, the company will be engaged in cultivation of crops, fruits, vegetables and anything else related to agriculture. It will also introduce modern and effective techniques of marketing products and helping farmers expand their arable lands and improve their methods.

Yemeni media invited

JEDDAH, April 10 (SPA) — A team of Yemeni journalists and information ministry staffers will arrive here Saturday to cover the dedication of the new King Abdul Aziz International airport here. The team represents Yemen's radio and television services and some newspapers. The media group were invited by the Ministry of Information.

King to dedicate projects

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — King Khaled will dedicate several projects during his visit to the Western Region which begins Sunday.

The projects include the new King Abdul Aziz International airport which was built at a cost of SR15 billion and occupies an area of 105 square kilometers. It will be able to handle 10 million passengers a year including two million pilgrims for whom a special terminal was built.

On Monday, the King will attend a function at King Abdul Aziz University to open the first phase of the campus and the sports arena. The first phase includes three projects. Two of them will provide accommodation in the university's staff. The faculty will be housed in 106 villas and 218 apartments which together cost SR142 million.

Supervisors and students will be assigned 996 rooms built at a cost of SR218 million. The housing units will accommodate 2,000 men. The third project comprises an SR50 million covered sports area. It will seat 1,500 people.

On the same day the King will go to the

industrial zone to dedicate three new factories, for making water treatment plants, cooking oil and carpets. They are the first three of their kind in the country.

He will also lay the foundation stone of the new Jeddah-Medina road and the main ring road surrounding the city. He has ordered the completion of the road to Medina, second holiest place in Islam, as soon as possible. Pilgrims who arrive here every year must also visit the Prophet's mosque in Medina as part of the rite.

The road will be 388 kilometers long with 150-kilometer subsidiary road linking Duhantah, on the way to Mecca directly.

Bribed soldiers jailed

RIYADH, April 10 — Two frontier guards were sentenced to one year imprisonment for bribery, the Interior Ministry announced Thursday. The men Yalwa Muhammad Hamdi and Hassan Abdullah Saman were tried and found guilty of taking bribes from two Yemeni travelers who reported them to their officer.

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For breaking ties with Kabul

Pakistan leaders uphold Saudi decision

ISLAMABAD, April 10 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's decision to sever relations with the Soviet-backed Afghan regime was well received by the press and leaders of public opinion in Pakistan.

Sardar Abdul Qaiyum, a former president of Azad Kashmir, in an interview with PA here Thursday described the Saudi Arabian government's decision as "a step in very right direction."

He said Saudi Arabia, having its special position in the Muslim world, has done well to give a lead to other countries in upholding right and justice. Riyadh's decision to sever diplomatic ties with the illegitimate Kabul regime, he added, must jolt the conscience of other peace-loving nations in supporting the cause of subjugated and oppressed Afghan people.

Mian Tufail Muhammad, leader of late dardoud's Jama'at Al-Islamia, in a statement congratulated King Khaled's government for the right step it has taken in cutting

off diplomatic ties with Babrak Karmal regime in Kabul.

The Jama'at leader said the Kingdom's step was a strict conformity to Islamic principles and the resolutions of Islamic conferences and the United Nations.

Dr. In'amallah Khan, secretary general of Karachi-based Al-Mutammar Al-Alam Al-Islami, landed in a statement issued Thursday Riyadh's decision to snap ties with Kabul. He said it was in line with the general sentiments and feelings of entire Muslim world which strongly condemned continued Soviet aggression over Afghanistan.

Dr. Khan called on Soviets to withdraw from Afghanistan and allow its Muslim people to freely choose their own form of government.

Pakistan's largest-circulation newspaper, *Daily Jang* said in its editorial Thursday, "this decision of Riyadh reflected the true sentiments of Muslims all over the world".

In face of continued Soviet occupation of

Afghanistan, the paper added, the Saudi decision to sever diplomatic ties with Kabul must prompt other nations to revise their stand and by calling "a spade a spade" and follow the Saudi example.

Another mass-circulation daily, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, in its editorial described the Kingdom's decision as the first bold and principled reaction to foreign aggression against the Muslim non-aligned country of Afghanistan.

In view of the central importance enjoyed by Saudi Arabia in Arab-Islamic world, Riyadh's decision must be made more effective by other brotherly states following a similar policy towards the Kabul regime, the paper said.

Three criminals executed Friday

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — Two convicted criminals and a rapist were executed here Friday. An interior ministry statement said the two men Hassan Al Dosari and Ishaq Al Dosari had waylaid a man on the highway, robbed and killed him.

Fahd Al Said was charged with attempted rape of a woman. He was also drunk and police established nine previous convictions for various crimes. Although jailed and flogged for robberies and drunkenness he never gave up his criminal acts, the statement said.



Helmut Schmidt

Schmidt plans visit

BONN, April 10 (SPA) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will arrive in Saudi Arabia April 27 as the first leg of a Gulf tour, according to an official statement issued here Thursday.

Schmidt will be visiting the United Arab Emirates April 29, at the invitation of Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the UAE, the statement said. The tours will take the West German chancellor to several other Gulf states, it added.

Assistance to Yemen hailed

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 10 — The Foreign Minister of Yemen Arab Republic, Ali Latf Al Thawr, said his government appreciated the "generous aid" that the Kingdom is providing his country. Thawr who arrived here Friday said this assistance was being used to raise the standard of the people and help the government develop various services. Al Thawr was received by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and other senior officials. He will lead the Yemeni delegation to the meeting of the Saudi Arabian Yemeni Coordination Council which meets periodically to decide on the kind and volume of aid that the Kingdom gives that country. Defense Minister Prince Sultan leads the Saudi Arabian team.

The council was set up to review Yemen's

aid requirements which the Kingdom ensures in cash and kind. The Kingdom provides the country with nearly \$250 million of budgetary support every year in addition to development assistance for the construction of schools, hospitals and roads. Al Thawr said the council has done a great deal in strengthening relations between the two countries which he described as "outstanding." He was hopeful that the new round of meetings will boost such cooperation even further.

Badr meets with Zayed

ABU DHABI, April 10 (SPA) — Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al Nahyan, United Arab Emirates president, received Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard, Thursday night. Prince Badr arrived here on a short visit earlier in the evening.

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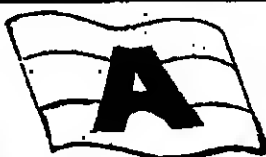
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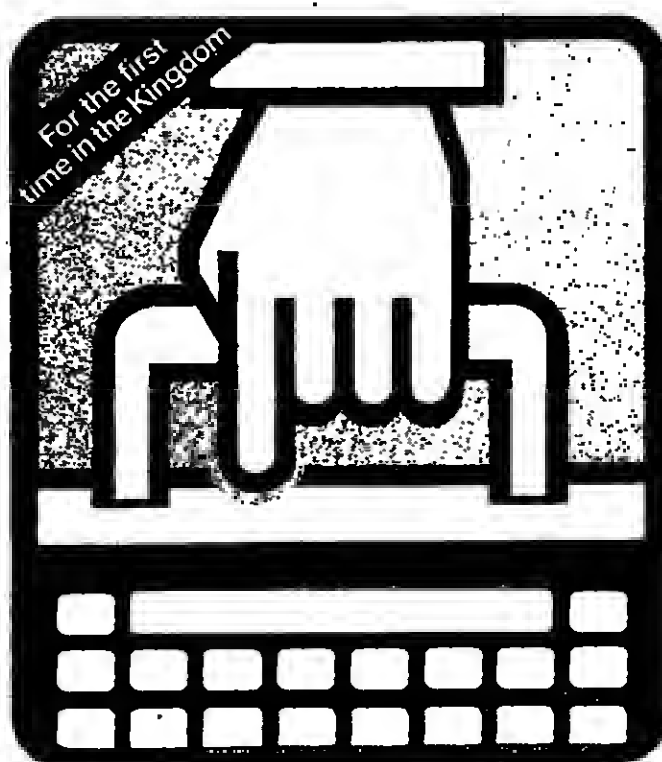
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For attack on embassy

Pakistan to pay U.S. \$13.65m in damages

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, April 10 — Pakistan has announced a compensation of about \$13.65 million to United States for damage to U.S. Embassy at Islamabad in November 1979. The embassy was set ablaze by mobs who suspected U.S. involvement in the Kaaba incident.

An official statement said that 60 per cent of compensation, (a total of \$13,652,400) would be paid in foreign exchange and the rest in Pakistani rupee. The statement said the amount being paid as compensation to United States "due to hooliganism by certain

undesirable elements could have been utilized for the economic benefit of the people."

Observers saw the move as a preparation for the talks the two countries were scheduled to open in Washington April 20 for seeking a durable relationship that would include substantial economic and military aid to Islamabad.

The embassy incident which claimed at least four American lives caused short-lived strain in bilateral relations and the American press criticized Gen. Zia's regime for delaying a rescue operation for about 100 U.S. diplomats and staff trapped inside the burning embassy.

Mauritanian premier visiting Libya

NOUAKCHOTT, April 10 (AFP) — Mauritanian Prime Minister Sid Ahmad Ould Bnejara was beginning a working visit to Libya Friday to discuss strengthened cooperation between the two countries, a reliable source here said.

The visit by Bnejara, who is accompanied by several government members, including

the foreign and finance ministers, appeared to seal the healing of a diplomatic rift between the two countries at the end of last year, observers said here.

Meanwhile, the Senegalese news agency reported that Mauritanian head of state Muhammad Khouna Ould Haidalla has expected to begin a similarly-described visit to Senegal Saturday.

U.N. official to hold talks in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, April 10 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's special representative on the Afghanistan question will visit Kabul April 15 and 16 for consultations on the matter, it was announced here.

The official, Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru, will go first to Islamabad and is trying to arrange also to visit Tehran, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday. Waldheim announced the appointment of Cuellar, an under-secretary general, as his special representative on Afghanistan during the nonaligned states' meeting in New Delhi in February.

The General Assembly and the government of Pakistan had urged the secretary general to make a personal initiative on the Afghanistan question. The assembly has twice called for the removal of "all foreign troops" from Afghanistan — meaning the Soviet forces which entered the country in December 1979.

Thursday's announcement said: "On behalf of the secretary general, Javier Perez de Cuellar will visit Pakistan and Afghanistan as his personal representative in order to continue the consultations which the secretary-general has undertaken personally in the last few months."

Rudolf Stajnr, speaking on Waldheim's behalf, said Cuellar will hold talks with government officials in Islamabad April 13-14 and in Kabul April 15-16. He was making his first trip to the area as Waldheim's personal representative "in order to continue the consultations which the secretary-general has undertaken personally in the last few months."

Waldheim had told the nonaligned meeting that a "fair political solution" must be found to the Afghanistan question.

In Beirut

Iraqi diplomat shot dead

BEIRUT, April 10 (AP) — An Iraqi diplomat was shot dead by unidentified assassins near Beirut airport Thursday, the official Iraqi news agency reported. It identified the victim as Hatem Qassem Mayouf, 21.

Lebanese police sources disclaimed any knowledge about the reported incident. Mayouf, the Iraqi agency said, was the second Iraqi diplomat shot and killed in Beirut in one week. The two were killed by agents of sectarian fanatics, said the agency. "The crimes were perpetrated a few meters away from the checkpoints manned by soldiers of (Syrian) Deterrent Force."

Syria maintains a 22,000-man peacekeeping army, policing a civil war truce between Lebanon's rightist Christian militias and nationalist armies.

The assassination of the two diplomats appeared to be part of the virulent ideological war between Syria and Iraq, both of which are ruled by rival factions of the Arab social-

ist Baath party. Mayouf was described as a junior embassy employee. No other details were available regarding his identity.

The other embassy employee who was shot and killed April 2, was identified as Abad Manzal Hussein, also said to be a junior officer of the embassy. An Iraqi embassy statement at the time said he had been killed at the hands of "sectarian fanatics."

Two Iraqi embassy accountants were killed in a similar attack Feb. 27. The Iraqi embassy at the time hinted that supporters of Iran were responsible for the attack. One week later, the president of the Iranian student association was gunned down in a Beirut street.

Libyan aide blames Sudan for Chad issue

DAMASCUS, April 10 (R) — A Libyan minister has said he would hold Sudan responsible for any renewed fighting in Chad and added his country would then send back troops it had already withdrawn.

Ibrahim Besh of the Libyan information ministry told a press conference after talks with Syrian officials he would hold the head of the Sudanese regime Jaafar Numeiri responsible for any renewal of war and fighting in Chad, now that peace has been established.



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Lebanese beat back Israeli raiders

BEIRUT, April 10 (Ageocias) — Helicopter-borne Israeli troops landed in southern Lebanon and were engaged by Palestinian and nationalist Lebanese forces at five locations Thursday, the joint Palestinian-Nationalist Lebanese Command reported.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi-supported commando group, the Arab Liberation Front (ALF) claimed their operatives beat back the raiders at one of the four points, the Al-Hababiyeh village about 20 kilometers north of the 1948 truce lines. An ALF communique said one Israeli helicopter was "hit" in the attack. It said units of the Palestine Liberation Army fought alongside the commandos and their nationalist Lebanese allies against the Israeli raiders.

The joint Palestinian-Nationalist Military command issued communiques about fierce battles with Israeli raiders at Abul Aswad and three other hamlets near Israel's northern flank. One communique said Israeli airplanes provided cover to the raiders, bombing undisclosed targets.

No casualty estimate was immediately available from the combat zones. But the ALF said their losses amounted to one wounded, adding that "enemy losses were not known." A commando source said one LO vehicle was blasted by an Israeli shell, wounding two Palestinian regulars. Other communiques by the joint command claimed the Israelis suffered heavy losses but gave no details.

Later, on, the command said the Israelis are landing fresh troops at midnight at J-Wadi Al-Akhdar, a village midway between Sidon and Tyre. The Palestinian and nationalist Lebanese positions "unleashed a barrage of rockets" into the enclave controlled by Israeli-backed renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad and his Christian allies, said the command.

Haddad and the Israelis reacted with concentrated artillery attacks on the Palestinian-held village near the market town of Nabatiya, about 12 kilometers from the Israeli border it added.

The fighting was "fierce" at Deir Al-Ahram and the Dier Kief crossroads. Meanwhile, Palestinian sources said an Israeli navy unit was rocketing the port city of Tyre and the nearby villages of Jarmak, Iyshiyyeh, Qasmiyyeh and Abul Aswad. "Our last guns fired at the enemy ships," one communique said.

According to Palestinian sources, the landing was preceded by a large-scale reconnaissance flights by flare-dropping aircraft, while Israeli gunboats were approaching the southern coast. It was the eighth Israeli attack into southern Lebanon since January, including air-borne, air-borne and commando operations against Palestinian-Lebanese bases.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops of the Arab Deterrent Force Friday launched a major operation to encircle the town of Zahle from the surrounding mountains, sources at the headquarters of the "Lebanese Forces" said. The operation started with an artillery shelling of the high ground of Dahr el Azzan, Jebel el Alaa and Qalaat Ararat, which control access from the town by the mountains.

By late morning, the shelling was followed by an imported car and infantry advance in areas controlled by the Syrians. There were no immediate reports of any fighting in the itself. The ceasefire was still holding at Friday in Beirut.

Also, scores of families took their household effects and trekked from bomb-stricken areas to take shelter in the seaside township of Jounieh.

In a related development, Israel has rejected the presence of Lebanese regular troops alongside the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, the newspapers *Al Safir* and *Al Anwar* reported today. The papers said that U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Brian Urquhart had urged the Lebanese authorities of the ailing change of mind, and diplomatic pressures added that Lebanese troops in the area could soon be reinforced.

Israeli boycott panel to meet

DAMASCUS, April 10 (R) — Officials of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office will hold their 45th conference here Saturday with several items on the agenda designed to tighten the economic siege of the Zionist state.

Dr. Nourallah Nourallah, the boycott office commissioner-general, told reporters Thursday that the meeting would look to lifting the ban on companies which are abided by Arab regulations on commercial dealings with Israel.

The participants, representing all Arab states except Egypt, will also look into the case of firms accused of violating the regulations preliminary to blacklisting them, he said. A spokesman for the boycott office said a recent visit to Israel by the Greek minister of agriculture and its possible "barmful effects" on Greece's agricultural exports to the Arab countries would also be considered.

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U.S. Lebanese welcome OAU protests change in U.S. position Israeli role at U.N. parley

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 10 — Supporters of the Lebanese national movement in the United States Thursday attacked Phalangist military actions in Lebanon as Israeli-inspired and welcomed "the recent partial change in the official American position in realizing the war in Lebanon is a non-confessional one."

Munir Zeineddine, a Lebanese-American serving as spokesman for the movement, told reporters here that "we also hope the U.S. position will continue to evolve toward unity of Lebanon and support of the legitimate center."

Peres releases

'cabinet' list

TEL AVIV, April 10 (AFP) — Israel's opposition Labor party leader Shimon Peres marked the launching of his electoral campaign by publishing a list of his main cabinet ministers should he win the June 30 elections. Excluded from the list were former Labor Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

trial government." Zeineddine stressed that the Phalangists now locked in combat with Syrian units of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) "represent but a small portion of Christians in Lebanon."

The spokesman quoted former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh as saying: "The fighting is between the ADF and Israeli-backed bandits." Also taking part in Thursday's news conference were Palestine information office director Dr. Hatem Hussein and the executive director of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), David Saad.

Hussein said that while the focus world attention has been on the current fighting near the Lebanese mountain town of Zahle, intensive Israeli artillery bombardment of south Lebanon in recent days has killed 23 civilians and wounded 75. NAAA official Saad released copies of an appeal his organization sent Wednesday to President Reagan, the State Department and Congress calling for "emergency action" by the U.S. "to end the human suffering and bloodshed in Lebanon" and provide relief and support for that country, which the NAAA called "a long-time friend and ally of the United States."

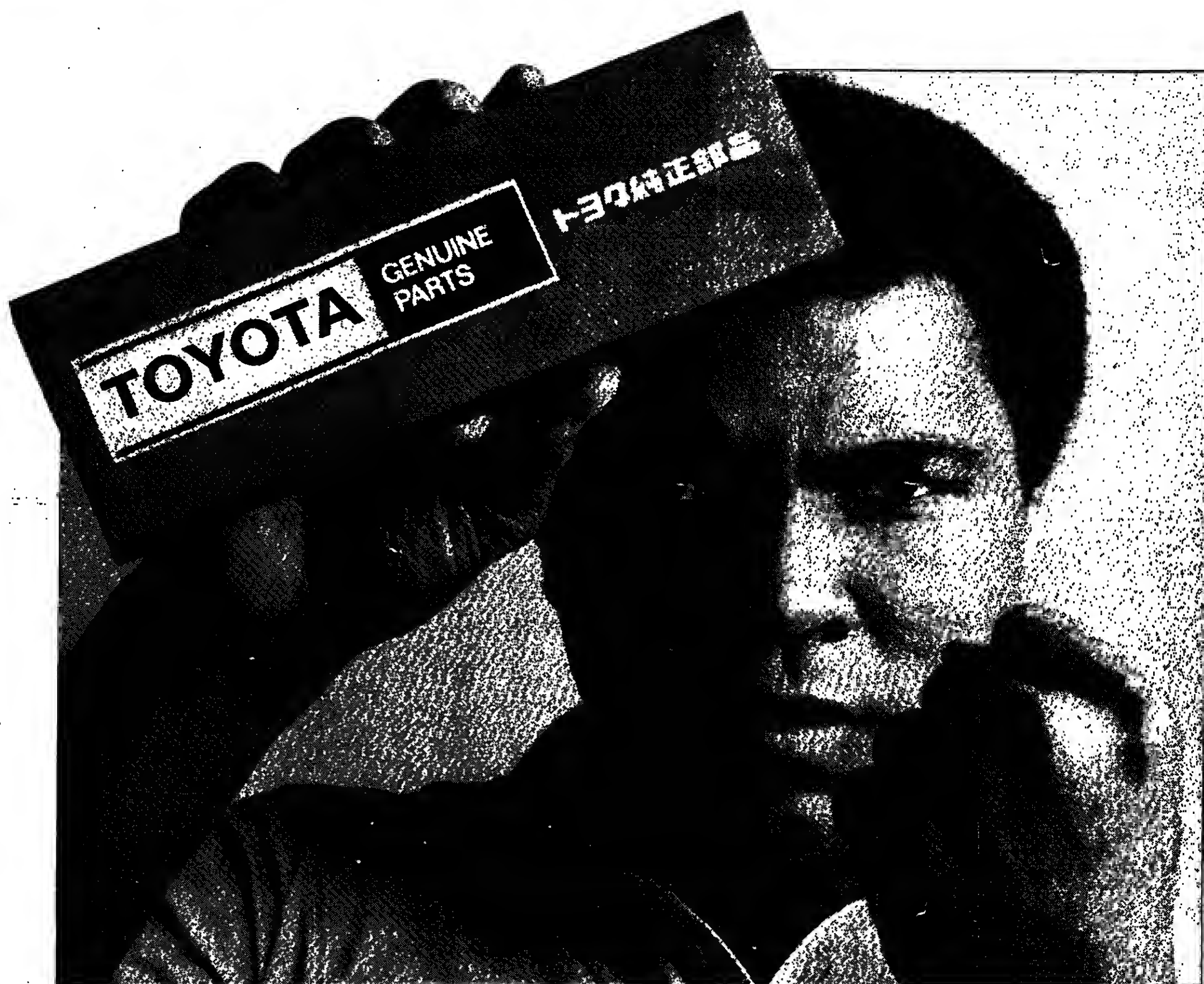
UNITED NATIONS, April 10 (AP) — The 51-nation Organization of African Unity (OAU) protested Thursday against Israel's participation at an international conference on African refugees in Geneva.

U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajdubar said he had been informed that the OAU objected because of what it considered close Israeli ties with South Africa's white-minority government and because it held Israel responsible for the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem.

Tunisia to permit opposition groups

TUNIS, April 10 (AFP) — President Habib Bourguiba indicated Friday that Tunisia, until now a one-party state, would permit the formation of opposition groups and allow them to be represented in parliament.

Bourguiba was speaking at a special congress of the Destourian Socialist Party that has ruled Tunisia since independence in 1957.



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SYRIA AND IRAQ

Three dramatically conflicting statements appeared in the past three days. The first was an Iranian war communique which reported an Iranian air attack on an Iraqi base in western Iraq, near the Syrian border. As such reports often do, a great deal was made of the damage done to the "enemy" in consequence.

The second was a response from Iraq, through a statement by its press spokesman in London, which reasoned at great technical detail that Iran's aircraft could not but have come from Syrian bases. The spokesman then assured everyone that the damage, bar the regrettable loss of one life, was trivial.

Then came Syria's expected response, which was that Iraq's claim was "laughable," and not worth serious rebuttal.

The affair seems thus to be no more than a storm in a tea cup. But its implications, where it concerns the two Arab countries, are extremely damaging to the Arab cause as a whole. In fact, one could not but wish that nothing more is heard of it.

To Iraq and Syria, one could only point out to what is obvious: An Iraqi military establishment near the Syrian border constitutes strategic depth for Syria itself, and that the matter of protecting such an establishment is clearly the business of Syria as much as Iraq. The hope is that both sides will realize this now and in the future, as they have always done so in the past.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jadid* gave prominence to the tour made by Defense Minister Prince Sultan to the King Abdul Aziz Airport in Jeddah and to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's just concluded trip to the Middle East.

In an editorial *Okaz* expressed optimism on the outcome of Haig's visit to the Kingdom and three other Middle East states and hoped that it would enable the Reagan administration to give top priority to a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Okaz said Saudi Arabian leaders with their subjective, analytical and far-sighted vision have succeeded in convincing Haig to reorganize the course of his priorities for future Reagan foreign policy by treating the Palestinian problem as most important and for ensuring a peaceful solution of this problem.

The paper said Israel's repeated attacks on Lebanon and its denial of legitimate rights of the Palestinian people by occupying Arab lands and Jerusalem should be

treated as major threat to the security of the region.

"Haig's press conference clearly indicated that the Saudi leadership was able to explain to Haig the real causes of threats in the area," the paper added. It said Saudi leaders provided comprehensive analysis for Haig by pointing out that the actual danger to the area came from Israel. "If the U.S. administration did not give serious thought to ending Israel's aggressive actions in the area, it would give a solid chance to the Soviet Union to fish in troubled waters," the paper said.

Commenting on the recently concluded maneuvers codenamed "Sagor Quraish" (Falcon of Quraish) by the National Guard, *Al-Jadid* said it provided a good training to the units of National Guards to acquaint them with modern weapons.

The paper bailed the leadership of the National Guard under Prince Abdullah for raising the standard of the National Guard to ensure security and stability for the people of Saudi Arabia.

Hard time ahead for Japan premier

By Yuko Nakamizado

TOKYO —

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is trying to consolidate his grip on power nine months after his surprise election to the top government post and head of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which is noted for internal feuding. Party sources say the way ahead is peppered with trouble spots, any of which could prove politically fatal for Suzuki, who is 70.

Suzuki's only experience in foreign policy until last year had been a brief period as agriculture minister. LDP sources say it is in the field of foreign relations that many dangers lurk, including the problem of booming Japanese car exports to the United States, intensified trade friction with Western Europe and the politically sensitive issue of boosting Japan's defense establishment following a Soviet military buildup in Asia.

On the domestic front, the sources say, an anticipated reshuffle by November of cabinet ministers and executive in the LDP, a loose coalition of conservative groups, could open the way for another bout of fierce LDP factional strife.

After assuming power last July following the death of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, and after the LDP won its biggest parliamentary majority in a decade, Suzuki chose a cabinet which included portfolios for his major rivals for the leadership. Already there have been several problems. One was a suggestion by Justice Minister Seisuke Okuno that Japan's war-renouncing constitution should be revamped, allowing for an overhaul of the country's limited military establishment.

After opposition calls for Okuno's dismissal from the cabinet, Suzuki gave the minister what amounted to a reprimand and pledged that never again would Japan become a military power.

Other areas of strain have emerged, including an open power struggle between the finance ministry and the Bank of Japan over which one should have the final say on guiding rigidly-controlled interest rates, and between the foreign and trade ministries on dealing with the car export issue.

But, while evidently concerned about these trends, Suzuki said recently he would stake his political career on trimming the government bureaucracy to a manageable and economic size, an objective that has eluded Japanese prime ministers for two decades.

This statement was taken to indicate that he would seek another term as LDP president, and hence prime minister, because of the LDP's overall parliamentary majority, at a party election in November next year. When Suzuki took over as prime minister he served out the remainder of Ohira's term and last November was an automatic choice for another two years because no one stood against him.

In order to trim back government, with the aim of reducing deficit financing, which accounts for about 26 per cent of this year's 46,790 billion yen (\$221 billion) national budget, Suzuki has established a nine-member administrative reform council.

But the ultimate responsibility for administrative reform, which faces stiff opposition from many politicians, bureaucrats and trade unions, belongs to Suzuki and the Director-General of the Administrative Management Agency, Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Nakasone, a 62-year-old former defense minister with right-wing views, has never hidden his desire to be prime minister, and the LDP sources said Suzuki planned to keep him in the cabinet to head off any rebellions. Nakasone's main rival for the leadership is seen as Toshio Komoto, 69, a former business tycoon, who as director-general of the Economic Planning Agency, has cabinet rank.

Komoto suffered a severe setback recently when he failed to prevent a proposed revision of the LDP's presidential election system. Under the new system, which LDP sources said would be approved next month, a primary election involving all LDP members will select three candidates, instead of two at present, for a run-off vote by party parliamentarians.

This means that primary voting will not take place if there are three or less candidates, as will probably be the case next year with only Suzuki, Nakasone and Komoto seen by the LDP sources as eligible to enter the race.

Komoto, supported by an estimated 40 per cent of the LDP's 1.4 million members, would have a good chance in any primary, but his 41-strong parliamentary faction is only the fifth largest in the party. (R)

Food riots rock Brazil

By Jonathan Fryer

FORTALEZA, Brazil —

The tranquil pace of life in Brazil's poor northeast region has been shattered over the past few weeks by hungry peasants invading towns in search of food. More than a dozen towns in the province of Ceara have been the scene of violent clashes between police and angry mobs, who have sacked stores, and prompted many businessmen to shut up shop and flee to the safety of bigger cities.

Some local prefects have tried to calm the crowds by handing out food or daily allowances of \$1, while appealing to Brasilia for more federal assistance. The government has declared a state of emergency, as millions of people try desperately to cope with the effects of a three-year drought. Rivers and reservoirs have dried up, causing the loss of up to 80 per cent of the basic food crops and decimating livestock.

The government has said it will double public expenditure in the region this year, but radical church and trade union leaders are saying that it's too little and too late.

The drought had been predicted several years ago by the Brazilian Space Agency, but adequate preparations were not made in time. "The government has always neglected this region," grumbles a lecturer at the University of Fortaleza. "The only 'progress' we have to show is a gigantic sports stadium and exclusive high-rise apartment blocks."

Affected areas stretch across large parts of Ceara, Pernambuco, Piaui and Rio Grande do Norte, where the standard of living was far below that of the south, even before the drought. The northeast shows more clearly than any other area in Brazil the appalling imbalance in income distribution. Much of the rural population lives at subsistence level.

With inflation this year expected to reach nearly 200 per cent, people tend to live from day to day.

Ironically, the food riots have come at a time when Joao Baptista de Lacerda Figueiredo's government has made huge advances in promoting democracy and press freedom. (ONS)



Behind Reagan's focus on El Salvador

By Abraham F. Lowenthal

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration has picked tiny El Salvador — the size of Massachusetts — as the place to make its first foreign-policy stand, to "draw the line" against Soviet advance. It does not seem to matter to Washington's new crew whether the Russians themselves are involved in El Salvador. The Cubans are, it is said, and the Cubans, after all, are mere puppets of the Soviet Union. What is important to the U.S. administration is not so much the nature or the extent of Soviet-Cuban involvement in El Salvador, but rather demonstrating clearly that the United States will not permit a leftist triumph there.

The administration is telling members of Congress, European allies and all who will listen that the Russians are testing America's will and credibility in El Salvador. If the United States cannot exclude hostile influence from this nearby region, so the argument runs, it will soon be pushed around all over the world. This apocalyptic vision of El Salvador's meaning presumably accounts for the extraordinary statement on Feb. 17 by Rep. James C. Wright, D-Texas, the House majority leader, who emerged from a classified briefing by Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr. to declare that "Central America is probably more vitally important to us than any other part of the world."

What explains the Reagan administration's quick and forceful focus on El Salvador? Surely not Central America's intrinsic importance. U.S. commercial and financial interests in the region have long been meager. No significant resources come from Central America to the United States — just bananas and other fruit, coffee and cocoa. No Central American country is a major participant in the international economy or in international politics. Not one is closely tied to the United States through major migration.

Pressed to justify the U.S. government's concern with El Salvador, administration officials talk darkly of the "security threat" that would be imposed by a leftist takeover there. An increasingly common line of argument considers El Salvador one of a series of dominoes, whose simultaneous collapse might threaten Mexico's stability, it is said, and thus endanger the United States. The fact that Mexico's government does not share the administration's concern is brushed aside with contemptuous references to myopia and self-delusion. The fact that Mexicans think (with some historical evidence to support them) that they have more to fear from a U.S. military intervention in Central America than from leftist governments there is simply overlooked.

It may be that the administration's preoccupation

with El Salvador is soundly based. Captured documents and communications intelligence are cited by the Reagan administration as proof that the Soviet Union has indeed targeted El Salvador as a crucial link in a master plan to weaken U.S. influence around the world. In analyzing why the administration has chosen to draw the line in El Salvador — and whether that decision makes sense — alternative explanations might be considered however.

Is it possible that the administration is focusing on El Salvador primarily because a leftist offensive there happened to coincide in time with its own accession to office? The best place to aim, according to one school of bunting, is where the quarry was last seen. But the problem with this approach is that it leaves to a combination of random chance and the initiatives of others the definition of U.S. interests and priorities. One need only recall former president Kennedy's detailed explanation on national television of U.S. concern with the internal politics of Laos to understand how perversely this process works. Who today can name the premier of Laos? Will El Salvador be Ronald Reagan's Laos?

Another possibility is that the administration has drawn the line in El Salvador because it is confident that the left can be defeated there. By choosing a battle that it thinks can be won, the U.S. government may hope to regain international momentum, to be applied later in regions that really count. At the very least, U.S. policymakers may reason, the administration can consolidate domestic support by expressing its resolve abroad. An American public that (temporarily) backed its government more after the Mayaguez incident will surely support a firm stand in El Salvador.

The problem with this motive, however, is that no one can assure a foreign-policy success in El Salvador. On the contrary, the chances that the United States can achieve an enduring and palatable political formula there are slim. To the extent that the Reagan administration makes El Salvador a test, it may be preparing its own undoing.

Perhaps the best way to explain the Reagan administration's El Salvador fixation, however, is that — like most policymakers before them — its new officials are finding precisely what they were prepared to see. The Reagan administration's concern with El Salvador may be due not so much to new intelligence as to old ideas. This explanation of why the Reagan administration is concentrating on El Salvador — not on Brazil or Mexico, Venezuela or Argentina — is reinforced if one reviews what the administration's key officials have said in the past.

A good example is Janne Kirkpatrick's essay on "U.S. Security and Latin America," published in *Commentary* magazine on the eve of her appointment as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Kirkpatrick argued that the Carter administration made matters worse for the United States in the Western hemisphere by alienating major nations destabilizing friendly governments and facilitating the spread of Cuban influence, thus weakening U.S. power. She attacked the Carter group for substituting its own values for realistic analysis, for pushing change for its own sake without reference to U.S. interests, and for acting ideologically while underestimating the power of ideology. She concentrated most of her fire on Central America — on Nicaragua, where she argued that the United States mistakenly brought down the Somoza regime, and on El Salvador, where she said the outcome was not yet clear. Her essay (written long before the reported flow of arms to El Salvador's leftists had been detected) reads like a brief for reversing U.S. policy in precisely the way the Reagan administration is doing: To support the local forces for "stability," to overlook "moderate repression" when it is committed by our allies, to focus on "security" and to leave values for others.

But Kirkpatrick's remedies, and those that the Reagan administration appears to be adopting, are no solution. They suffer from precisely the flaw that Kirkpatrick identified in the Carter approach: but with a reverse spin: a tendency to prefer immediate stability, no matter how fragile; an ideological slant of an equal but opposite bias; substitution of U.S. concerns for Latin American priorities, and a serious underestimation of the local sources and dynamics of revolutionary change.

Above all, the U.S. administration's approach runs the risk of diverting attention from the underlying policy problems that the United States faces in the Western hemisphere: how to adjust to Latin America's expanding exports of manufactured goods; how to avoid financial collapse in the region that would severely damage the world economy; how to enlist Latin America's cooperation in dealing with global issues such as energy, food, narcotics control and non-proliferation of nuclear arms; and how to turn migration from a problem into a solution. (LAT)

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In African countries

The scourge of tetanus

By Harry Nelson

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — The starvation, disease and general suffering that plague hundreds of millions of persons in the developing world threaten Americans as well. But foreign aid aimed at strengthening health programs in those countries has been largely unsuccessful — partly because of the enormous need, partly because of barriers of ignorance, partly because of the cultural gaps that are never bridged between donor and recipient.

In countries where the total health budget for coping with health problems of great magnitude is only \$1 or \$2 per person, per year, the demands are limitless. "Human life is cheaper here than measles vaccines," says a Pakistani pediatrician with matter-of-fact directness.

She predicts it will be at least another 10 years before her government adds the measles vaccine to the other childhood-disease vaccines now offered some children who live in the cities.

Measles is the leading cause of death of children in many African and some Asian countries, where 20 per cent to 50 per cent die before age 5. Foreign aid programs stress immunizations, but the local governments are hampered by problems of distributing heat-sensitive vaccines in rural areas where transport is inadequate and no refrigeration exists, where the people need special motivation to attend clinics, where trained personnel are scarce.

Superstition and ignorance of modern public health principles — plus the side effects of modern marketing methods — pose special problems. In Kenya children die of protein-deficiency diseases five miles from a lake full of fish. One reason is the mothers' fear that eating fish will deprive their babies of the ability to talk. Another is that fishermen get higher prices selling the fish to the big cities rather than to the local people.

Throughout Africa and Asia, tetanus is widespread among newborn babies. It commonly is due to the practice of placing cow dung on the umbilicus at birth to stop bleeding. In some parts of Bhutan, newborn tetanus is responsible for one-third of all infant deaths.

Because these and other displays of unsentimental health care often are the work of midwives and other traditional practitioners, Western doctors and nurses, as well as Western-trained local doctors, are apt to disregard the important role traditional practitioners can play and refused to accept them as colleagues.

Traditional practitioners are important not only because they exist in far greater numbers than do modern practitioners in developing countries, but also because people trust them — often more than they trust Western doctors.

Several African countries have made the practice of traditional medicine illegal, though with little real effect because people in large numbers still use it. But even in countries where the practice is legal — or even encouraged by the government — there is little coordination between the two health camps, and Western-trained doctors refuse to let the others enter a hospital to treat a patient.

Some of the Western-run Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand have taken an intermediary stand by allowing a traditional health center to be built near the hospital, so that patients have a choice of medicinal herbs plucked from a nearby hillside, or Western drugs. But usually there is no dialogue between the two schools of thought.

As part of its program to help developing countries improve health, the World Health Organization encourages health ministries to integrate traditional practitioners into the national plans for controlling disease, thereby taking advantage of a large supply of existing manpower. This will require not only changing some of the practices — such as not placing cow dung on umbilicus — but also acquainting modern practitioners with some of the useful things the traditionalists can do.

A universal problem in developing countries is that health personnel are trained inappropriately for the needs of the people. In countries where there is only one doctor for every 20,000 or 50,000 persons — and he is usually a specialist who works in the city — there is a great need for grass-roots health workers who not only live in rural villages but who have the people's trust.

The primary health need in the villages is for health workers who can show the villagers how to prevent the dysentery, parasite diseases, malaria, infectious diseases and malnutrition that cow overwhelm them. There is also a need for highly trained physicians and surgeons, but not at the village level and not as the primary goal of national health policy in countries where too many people live long enough to get cancer.

A better level of health is essential if the poor countries of Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific are to become less



REFUGEES: Two Cambodians with legs missing from the fighting in Cambodia guide one of their blinded fellow refugees at a camp, in Thailand, set up for those who have fled war and famine in their homeland.

economically dependent on the rich lands of North America and Europe. It is not possible for a nation to develop and grow economically if its work force is ill and the capacity of its children to learn is impaired by disease and malnutrition.

But getting rid of measles, malaria and malnutrition depends on the developing

countries' ability to organize more than their health departments — and most of all it depends on the cooperation of the afflicted.

Too often the aid has been directed at filling health needs in a manner that would be appropriate for a developed country but ridiculously inappropriate for an undeveloped one.



CHARACTERS: Lord Arthur (left), Ethel and their friend are the characters of budding British cartoonist Kathryn Lamb.

Student turns cartoonist

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Lord Arthur is hardly aristocratic. Forlorn and ineffectual he is one of life's victims. He is very much under the thumb of Ethel. She is one of those formidable, frumpy females in a floral dress, funny hat and with an ever-present handbag. Their companion doesn't have a name. He just looks oo, speechless, at the daily misdeeds that life plays on Lord Arthur. All three characters are figments of Kathryn Lamb's imagination.

In the highly competitive world of cartooning 21-year-old Kathryn has already won for herself a regular slot in the fortnightly British satire magazine *Private Eye*. She has also succeeded in having one of her funny-sad sketches published in *Punch* magazine.

Kathryn has spent the month in Jeddah holidaying with her brother Robin, the second secretary (political) at the British Embassy. Academically speaking, the holiday was the calm before the storm. Kathryn is in her final year reading English at Oxford and in June come final examinations — followed by major decisions on what career to choose.

"Of course, I would love to be a full-time cartoonist," she told *Arab News*, "but it's a very competitive field for newcomers. There is a difference between drawing cartoons for a hobby and being able to make a living from it."

At the moment, there are two strong career options open: One is to do a secretarial course after graduating, then apply for a position in the Foreign Office "because I love

travelling." The other is to accept an offer to become a teacher at the New English School in Kuwait.

Kathryn is no newcomer to this part of the world. In fact, she was born in Bahrain. She has also lived in Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Beirut. Her father, Sir Archie Lamb, was a career diplomat — and Arabist — and was stationed in those posts. Kathryn did her "A" levels in Kuwait three years ago (at the New English School) when her father was the British ambassador there.

Eventually she decided to send some examples to *Private Eye* and Lord Arthur and his square table became regulars from then on.

What sort of cartoons are they? "Not uproariously funny," says their creator. "They are more thoughts than jokes. Lord Arthur seems to represent the ordinary man. Things happen to him rather than his making things happen. Ethel is also very ordinary, but she has a dominating strength."

The other character comes and goes. Whenever he appears he never says anything, he just looks on. "I suppose, if anything, he is inconsequential," she said.

She describes the overall feeling of her cartoons as pathos. Lord Arthur is, of course, a play on King Arthur and his knights of the round table. Kathryn says a square table is so ordinary, lacking in romance, something found in the average home — certainly Lord Arthur's home.

"The aspect of cartoons I enjoy most is the drawing," says Kathryn. "I like filling in all the details and working on the expressions. The expression is the most important part."

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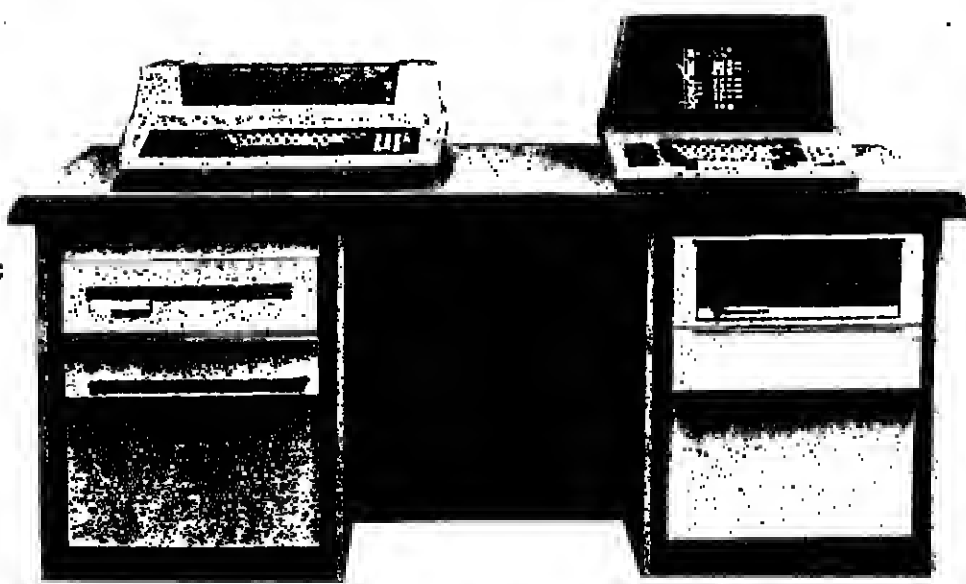
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Lawless new frontier

U.S. space shuttle arousing world concern

CAPE CANAVERAL, April 10 (AP) — The development of the American space shuttle has left behind a world still wrangling over how to put international order into the largely lawless new frontier the revolutionary spacecraft will exploit. With the shuttle, man will soon be doing things in outer space that are simply not covered by the handful of international treaties that pertain of extraterrestrial activity.

There is one key treaty that would move significantly toward an international "space regime." It would declare the resources of the moon and planets to be a common heritage to be shared among all nations. But that treaty lacks the required number of signatory governments and has not gone into effect.

Long before a "moon treaty" finally takes force, American lunar stations built with the aid of the shuttle may already be mining iron, titanium or aluminum on the surface of the moon. The commercialization of space is not the only development outstripping international law. The Pentagon's plans for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shuttle have aroused new international concerns that space will become a super-power battleground.

The Soviet Union has denounced the shuttle program as the opening shot of a space arms race. The Soviets themselves, however, are at work on space weapons, such as long-range laser "guns" and "killer satellites" that destroy other orbiters. The shuttle, which can carry earth satellites into orbit, is expected to be used extensively for putting up military spy satellites. U.S. defense officials say it might also eventually help build giant



LANDING PRACTICE: A space shuttle astronaut flies low over the heads of onlookers at the Kennedy Space Center landing strip Thursday in practice emergency landing procedures. The two crew members of the shuttle have been flying executive jets modified to handle much like the orbiter Columbia.

manned space platforms that could serve as reconnaissance or command posts for earthly combat.

On the commercial side, the American craft may quickly monopolize and expand the lucrative communications satellite business. It could help build solar-energy stations in orbit, and even space factories and mills, where minerals found on the moon or elsewhere could be worked into construction materials or other products

in a highly efficient weightless environment.

The new spacecraft could be a crucial step toward the mass colonization of space. "The shuttle does open new areas in space, and we may need some specific new treaties," Marvin Robinson, secretary of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, said in an interview. "Some in the Third World are concerned that things now move so

fast that they get left out or get in too late."

The "frontier" atmosphere of outer space was underlined last year when NASA issued a new rule giving space shuttle commanders the power of arrest and authority to use force, if necessary, in orbit. Agency officials said the future arrival of large numbers of civilians in space made the rule necessary.

Four treaties now govern aspects of space travel. All were ratified by the United States and the Soviet Union. The oldest, dating to 1967, declares that no nation can claim sovereignty over parts of outer space and its celestial bodies, and prohibits the placement of "weapons of mass destruction" in space.

A 1968 treaty requires astronauts to do everything possible to assist other space travelers in distress, of whatever nationality. Under this agreement, the highly mobile shuttle might be called on someday to rescue Soviet cosmonauts. Another treaty, effective in 1973, makes the launching nation liable for damage caused by falling space objects. The fourth agreement, in force since 1976, requires launching nations to register their satellites with the U.N. secretary-general.

The "moon treaty" was adopted by consensus in the U.N. Central Assembly in December 1979 after negotiations in which the two space superpowers played a central role. But since then neither the United States nor the Soviet Union has ratified it, and it remains in legal limbo.

In the United States, the opposition to the moon treaty is led by a group of staunch free-enterprisers called the L-5 Society — named after a weightless point L-5, between the earth and moon deemed to be ideal for a space station.

'Ego trip'

Marcos rapped for plebiscite

MANILA, April 10 (AP) — Manila Cardinal Jaime L. has branded as an unnecessary "ego trip" the plebiscite which allows Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos to run for six more years as president. Sin, archbishop of Manila, Friday urged Filipinos to form a strong opposition to "the powers that be" but said as a priest he could not join them.

Voters Tuesday gave Marcos an overwhelming "yes" for constitutional changes that set up the country's first presidential election in 12 years and allow the new president to pick a weak prime minister to oversee parliament. "I cannot imagine how any self-

respecting individual... would even consider accepting such a position (prime minister)," Sin told a group of businessmen and professionals. He characterized Tuesday's plebiscite as "an enormous, expensive exercise, a super-colossal, stupendous ego trip."

Sin described the plebiscite issue as a "heads I win, tails you lose" proposition, pointing out that Marcos was to remain in power no matter what the vote. Sin said he had waited until after the plebiscite to speak out so he would be accused of meddling in politics. "I could not care less what the results were," he said of the plebiscite. "Yes or no have the same result, so why should I worry?"

For security talks

Malaysian minister to meet Haig

KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (AFP) — Malaysian Home Affairs Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie leaves for the United States Saturday for talks with the Reagan administration on security problems of southeast Asia and the general situation in the region. He will be in Washington for a week from April 15, after spending a couple of days in New

York, when he will have talks with State Department officials and possibly Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The minister told a news conference here Friday that he is also scheduled to meet Vice President Bush. Tan Sri Ghazali, considered to be an expert on southeast Asian security matters, said he would discuss regional issues as well as problems of Vietnamese and other refugees and the drug threat with congressmen and senators. He also would study how New York was tackling the drug menace and rehabilitating addicts.

On his way back, he will stop over in London to address a meeting of the Royal Commonwealth Society on the international scene.

India seeks uranium

NEW DELHI, April 10 (AP) — India next week launches an effort to persuade the Reagan administration to resume shipments of uranium here or lose American control over the fuel supply and waste disposal at a U.S.-built atomic power station near Bombay.

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Judge orders Bigg's extradition

Appeal allowed within 15 days

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 10 (R) — Barbados Chief Magistrate Frank King has approved a British application for the extradition of runaway great train robber Ronald Biggs. The 52-year-old fugitive, in custody here for nearly three weeks, said nothing after King ordered that Biggs be committed to prison until he is handed over to the British authorities.

"You will not be surrendered until after the expiry of 15 days and during that time you have the right to appeal or apply for a writ of habeas corpus", King told Biggs Thursday before he was led away by two security officers. Biggs can also apply for bail.

The decision ended a near two-week legal battle, as lawyers for Biggs fought to block his repatriation. Biggs has been on the run since escaping from a London prison in 1965. He had served only two years of a 30-year term for his part in the 1963 holdup that has come to be known as the Great Train Robbery, which netted 2.6 million sterling.

Biggs lived in Brazil — where he was safe from extradition — for 11 years before he was kidnapped March 16 and brought here a week later on a yacht.

None of the three lawyers who appeared for Biggs at the hearing Thursday said whether there would be an appeal. But senior counsel, Frederick Smith, earlier indicated that should the magistrate order Biggs' extradition, he would appeal.

Barbados immigration authorities disclosed Thursday that Ronald Leslie who masqueraded as Biggs' 1965 jail break, had been declared a prohibited immigrant and asked to leave the island by Thursday night. Leslie caused a stir when he arrived last Saturday as Biggs was about to appear in court to face extradition proceedings.

The Brazilian Government, which requested his return to Brazil, named the alleged kidnappers as Britons Thorfinn Asclver, Frederick Prime, Mark Algate and Anthony Marriage, and American Gregory Nelson. The five were allowed to leave Barbados last month.

Brazil does not have an extradition treaty with Britain, and Brazilian laws prevented his deportation because he fathered a Brazilian child.



BACK TO PRISON: Great train robber Ronald Biggs being led away from a Bridgetown courtroom Thursday after he was committed to prison to await surrender to British authorities.

Botha vows to withdraw Tutu passport

JOHANNESBURG, April 10 (AP) — Bishop Desmond Tutu, a leading black critic of the white-minority government, has urged Western nations in need of South Africa's minerals to befriend the black majority because it will assume power within 10 years.

"I don't believe that the government believes it can keep us under," Tutu, 49, told a news conference Thursday after returning home from a controversial five-week trip to Europe and the United States. Several hours after Tutu returned, Prime Minister P.W. Botha told an election rally that he would follow through on an earlier vow to withdraw Tutu's passport.

"When you travel on a passport granted to you, you must behave. You cannot use the privilege granted to you and then misuse it to organize boycotts against your country. I repeat, Bishop Tutu's passport will definitely be withdrawn," Botha said in Cape Town. The prime minister was speaking in support of his National Party in South Africa's April 29 general election.

It would be the second time Tutu's passport has been taken away and would undoubtedly cause widespread international criticism of the government. Earlier in the day Tutu told a news conference that the West should use the few remaining years of white rule "to be friendly to us. When we are free we are going to decide with whom to do business." He said blacks have a timetable calling for black rule within 10 years.

Tutu told reporters before Botha's Thursday statement, "It is irrelevant what they do to me. I am just one of very many people. The worst that they can do to me is not the ultimate... Death is not the worst thing."

Coup general untraced as Thai deadline nears

BANGKOK, April 10 (AFP) — One week after troops loyal to Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda put down a three-day attempted coup, rebel leader Gen. Sant Chitpatima is still at large, with a Saturday midday deadline set for the surrender of the rebels.

Authorities have so far rounded up some 90 army and police officers along with several ranking officials. And now, in a bid to lay hands on others involved in the rebellion, Gen. Prem has given them until Saturday noon to turn themselves over to the authorities.

Observers say that setting such a deadline illustrates the difficulties the government is having in tracking the rebels down. Once Saturday's ultimatum passes, the prime minister has warned that those who do not show up will have no chance of possible pardon. The surrender call is seen as being directed mainly at Gen. Sant, the leader of the so-called revolutionary committee that staged a pre-dawn coup in Bangkok April 2. Another figure being sought by the authorities is Col. Manoon Rookachorn, the commander of the fourth cavalry unit.

The hideout of Gen. Sant, who fled the

capital when his rebellion was quashed by loyal troops last Friday, still remains unknown. Thai press reports and indications from diplomatic sources say he is in the south of the country — his home district — where he had a command post in the past. The general could, it is suggested, be either in Pattani or Nakhon Si Thammarat, two towns not far from the Malaysian border where the army has launched a manhunt.

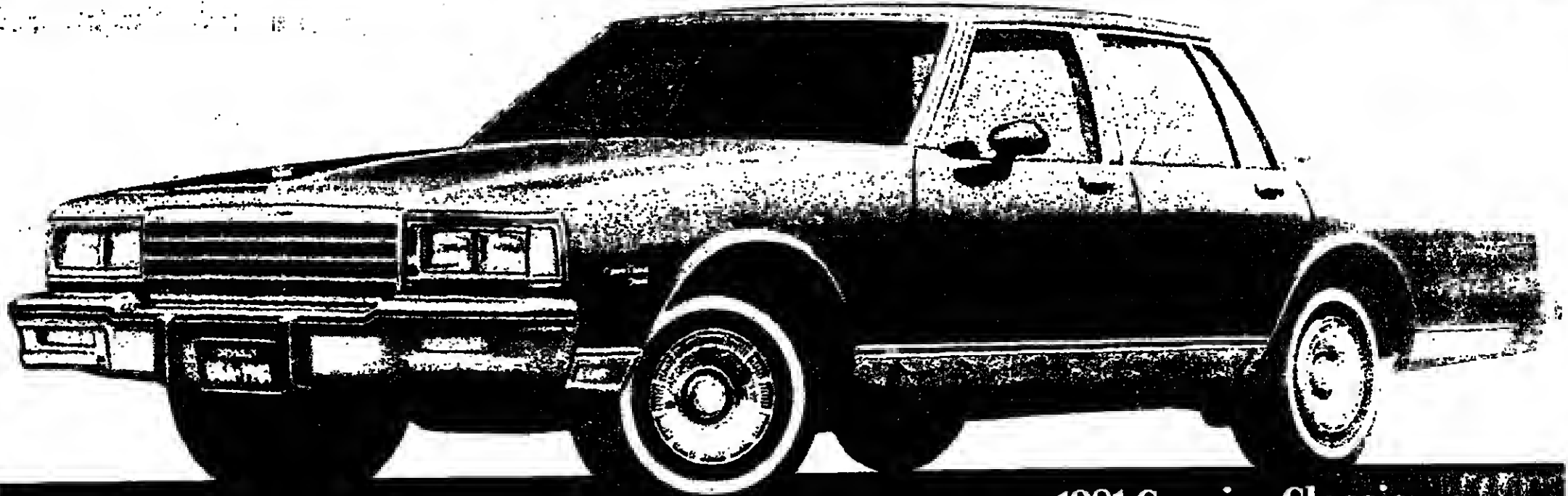
His wife Vari Chitpatima is still in Bangkok and did not flee to the United States as earlier reported. She has told the Thai press that her husband has not been in touch with her since he fled Bangkok by a helicopter April 2. She said she has written to the prime minister asking him to show understanding toward the role played by Gen. Sant in the military rebellion.

In the past week more than 780 persons from Bangkok and the provinces have turned themselves over to the authorities. The committee of inquiry at army headquarters here has also ordered the arrest of about 50 suspects pending a government decision on eventual punishment.

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Under Algiers accord

Tehran seeks return of goods from U.S.

TEHRAN, April 10 (R) — The Iranian government has asked all ministries to apply for shipment to Iran goods held up in the United States by court orders which were lifted following the end of the hostage crisis, the official Pars news agency has reported.

Pars said Thursday a circular to this effect was issued Tuesday by the prime minister's office in charge of implementing the Jan. 19 Algiers Agreement under which American hostages were freed and the U.S. lifted trade sanctions against Iran.

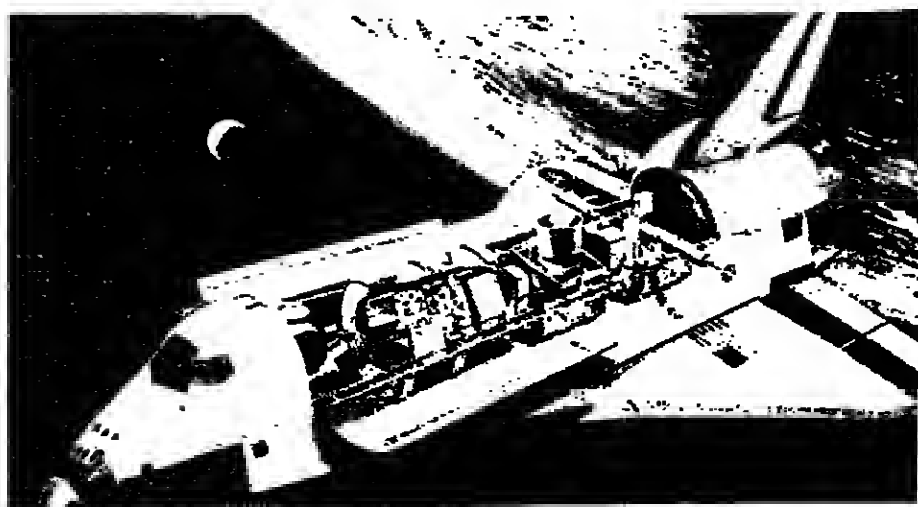
"All Iranian ministries and institutions that have ordered and paid for such goods are requested immediately to contact the holder of the goods for their eventual shipment to Iran," Pars quoted it as saying.

The order followed moves by the Iranian lobby in the United States which had main-

tained links with Washington since diplomatic relations were cut, Pars said. It applied to goods at the disposal of the U.S. government or nationals which had been paid for by Iran and on which U.S. court orders had been waived.

The blocked goods included military equipment already paid for by Iran. This has not been freed, Pars said all ministries were to send details of the goods involved to the prime minister's office.

A spokesman for the Swiss embassy in Tehran, which looks after U.S. interests, said he had heard nothing about the new government order. "The implementation of the Algiers agreement is autonomous and we have nothing to do with it at the moment," he said.



SPACE SHUTTLE ORBITER: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, has again chosen the Omega Speedmaster for use by its astronauts in the new series of the space shuttle orbiter Columbia seen in the picture, it was announced recently. The watch has been made to withstand ranges of temperatures from 25 to 70 degrees centigrade in addition to ultraviolet rays and violent changes of pressure and gravity.

OPEC's long-term plan

Iran, Gabon favor special talks

DOHA, April 10 (R) — Four OPEC countries want a special meeting of oil ministers to discuss the long-term structure of oil prices, Gabonese Oil Minister Alemlis Mbouy-Boutzit said Friday.

Iran, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Gabon are seeking a special session of the 13-nation Organization Petroleum Exporting Countries before the scheduled meeting in Geneva in May, he said in an interview.

The special session, which might be held in Geneva the day before the regular meeting, would consider Saudi Arabian-backed proposals to index oil price rises for the rest of the 1980s to inflation and economic growth rates in the West.

Mbouy-Boutzit said Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Bertius prop-

oses to include long-term strategy on the agenda on the formal May 25 meeting, but the four countries wanted informal talks before that.

The minister was speaking after visits to Libya, Iraq, Iran and the UAE to discuss the Geneva meeting.

Mbouy-Boutzit said Iran did not want the question of a long-term pricing strategy included in the formal agenda for the Geneva meeting.

He said Iran also had reservations about the pricing formula itself, but did elaborate. Oil analysts said OPEC price "hawks," including Iran, want faster increases than Saudi Arabia.

The minister said he believed the oil market had a surplus of two million barrels a day, which would lead to pressure for lower prices.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — The Dassault Aircraft Company expects shortly to book an order from India for 150 Mirage-200 aircraft, company President Marcel Dassault said Friday. There had been some difficulties in connection with the engine design and the radar system, but these had now been overcome, Dassault said in a radio interview.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. Commerce Department has set up a group to study reducing curbs on exports of naphtha used in the petrochemical sector. This is in response to a request by the European Economic Community. The restrictions were imposed in 1973 when the Arab oil embargo took place.

COLOMBO, (R) — Sri Lanka's state-owned Petroleum Corporation and America's Coastal Corporation plan to set up one of the world's largest oil terminals as a

joint venture, a government spokesman said Friday. The terminal is to be located in Sri Lanka's east coast port of Trincomalee using 97 10,000-ton capacity tanks installed by the British Admiralty during World War II.

BRUSSELS, (AP) — The European Economic Community granted Greece 3 million European units of account (\$3.6 million) Thursday to pay for damage caused by last month's earthquakes.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Americans consume an average 3,520 calories per person daily, compared with an average 2,100 or so by people in the third world, official statistics showed here. Their caloric intake is still the world's highest.

LONDON, (AFP) — Short-time working is announced by Britain's top two tobacco firms, Imperial Tobacco and Gallaher, due to a sales slump attributed to price rises.

U.K. reaffirms commitment to EEC

LONDON, April 10 (AFP) — Britain has firmly reaffirmed its commitment to the European Economic Community while rejecting criticism by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

In a recent newspaper interview, the French president, campaigning for re-election, said that the coming year would show whether Britain was prepared to abide by the community rules and implied that if not, some major change would have to be made.

In a speech to the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association Wednesday night, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said that no other community country had the right to question Britain's commitment any more than Britain could question the commitment of other countries.

Stressing the need for more balance cooperation between member countries, she said there was "too much questioning of others' motives and good faith."

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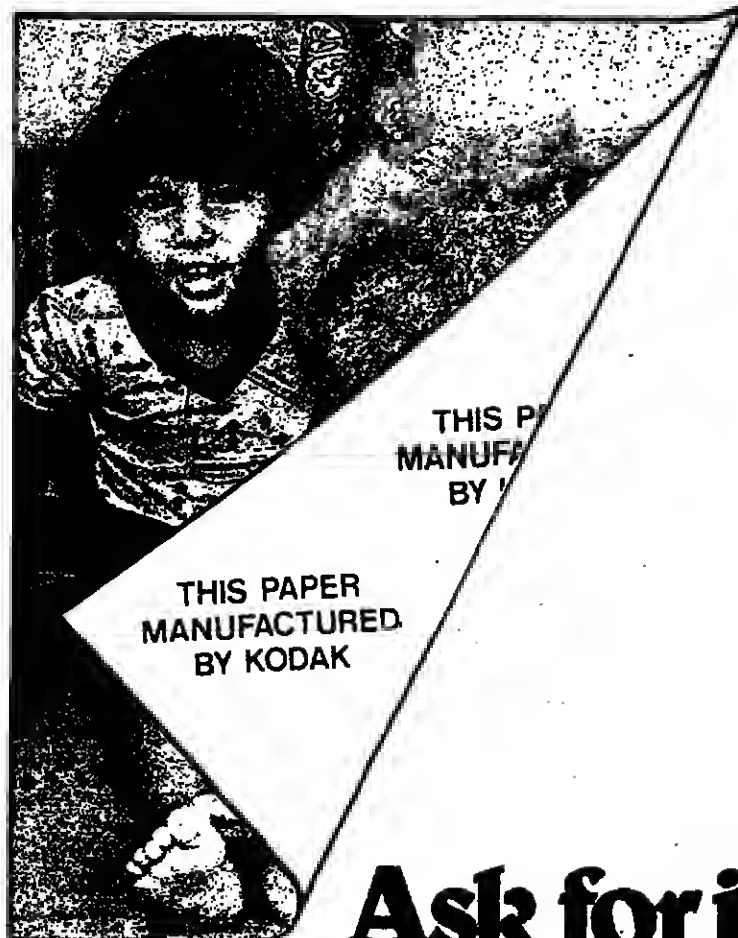
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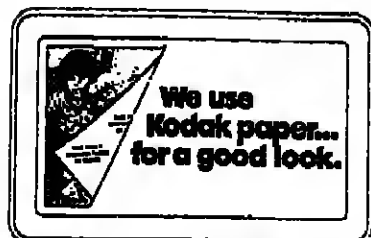
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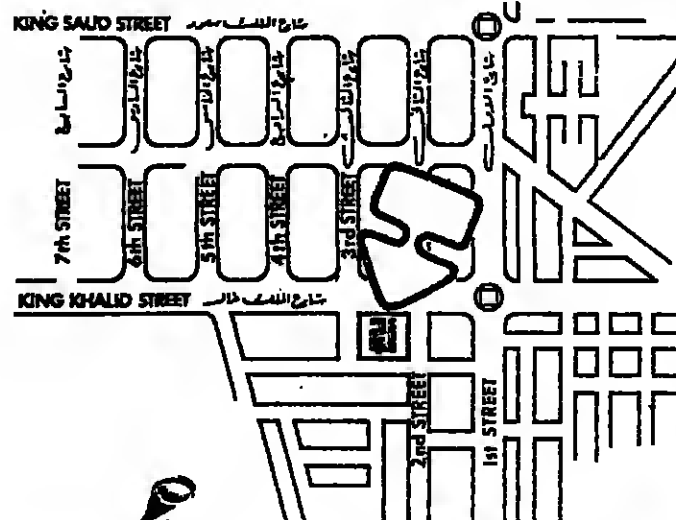
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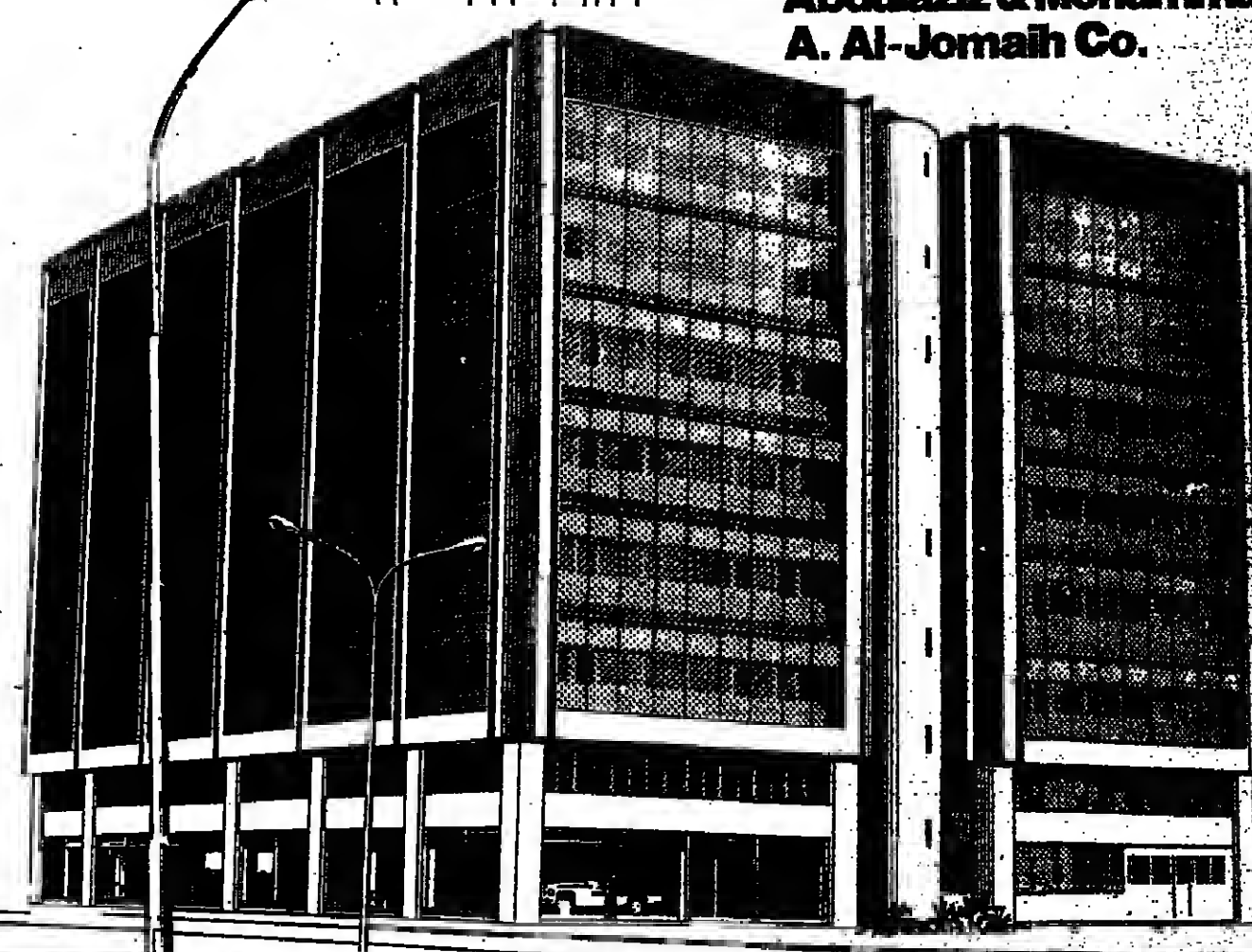
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Setback for Reagan

Senate panel rejects budget plan

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's economic program has been dealt a major setback by the Senate Budget Committee which has rejected his 1982 budget plan.

His own party joined in the rebuff as three Republican Senators voted with nine Democrats Thursday night to defeat the budget resolution. The three argued that further cuts in spending were necessary to balance the budget by 1984 as Reagan pledged to do in his election campaign.

Under the resolution there would have

Strikers defiant

Army will man base, U.K. warns

LONDON, April 10 (AFP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher threatened to replace striking civil servants at the nuclear submarine base in Scotland by military men.

The statement brought an immediate counter-threat of a strike by all of Britain's 1,600,000 civil servants if Mrs. Thatcher went through with such a plan.

Civil servants in the defense ministry have been engaged in a revolving strike for more

than a month to press for a 12 per cent pay raise.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mrs. Thatcher charged that the strikers were putting "personal gain above the safety of the nation." "All steps" would be taken so that Britain's nuclear deterrent force "will retain its effectiveness," she added.

A defense Ministry spokesman later said that the military might be asked to take over from the civil strikers at the Polaris base.

deficits of \$62.8 billion this year, \$53.8 billion next year, \$52.2 billion in 1983 and \$44.7 billion in 1984, according to the committee staff.

These deficits were too much for the three conservative Republican Senators to accept, despite pleas from Republican Chairman Pete Domenici that they close ranks and keep their majority intact.

He said he believed Reagan's pledge that the administration would find other areas of federal spending to cut in order to balance the budget by 1984.

Democrats said it was becoming apparent even to Republicans that the president's election pledges to cut spending and taxes, while increasing defense allocations and balancing the budget, were inconsistent and could not be achieved.

In preliminary votes on parts of the resolution, which would have approved a \$704 billion 1982 budget, the committee hacked the president's tax cut plan and his call for an increase in military spending of over 20 per cent next year.

But in rejecting the final budget resolution, the committee reversed its approval of those two key elements in the Reagan program. The keystone of Reagan's economic program — a three-year, 30 per cent tax cut — appears to have been jeopardized by Thursday's vote.

However, the Senate Budget Committee approved a four-year program of military spending even larger than President Reagan sought.

By a vote of 11-9, the Republican-controlled committee approved military spending \$163 billion this year, \$194 billion next year, \$228 billion in 1983 and \$263 billion in 1984.

'Great leap forward' cost China \$66b

PEKING, April 10 (AFP) — The economic catastrophe of the "great leap forward" spearheaded by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1958 cost China an equivalent of \$66 billion, *The People's Daily* newspaper said here Friday.

The assessment by the Communist Party organ came in the form of a lengthy article slamming the 20 years of "leftist errors" in the Mao period.

From 1958, it said, the Communist Party had made one mistake after another in the economic sector, pushing matters from "bad to worse" until 1978 — two years after the death of Mao.

The People's Daily also attacked the ambitious economic policy of Mao's successor — current Chairman Hua Guofeng — without naming him.

It said the "old mistakes" of having invested mainly in heavy industry to the detriment of light industry and necessary economic infrastructure had been committed again in 1977 and 1978. In the agriculture sector, however, the tendency toward too much collectivization had been abandoned.

Hua, who is about to step down from the chairmanship to make way for a new team under strongman Deng Xiaoping, has already come under fire for these economic errors several times in articles published by the official press since last December.

Economic woes plague Soviet bloc — Brezhnev

PRAGUE, April 10 (AP) — Czechoslovakia's Communist Party Congress reached its final day Friday with a warning from Leonid Brezhnev that the Soviet bloc's worst problems were economic ones.

"For all of us, the economic front is the main one at present," the Soviet president and party chief was officially quoted as telling Czechoslovak leaders.

Brezhnev said: "All is focused on the need to boost efficiency, improve management and conserve resources. This is the common conclusion of our congress," he said as the third Soviet bloc congress of the year neared its end and a fourth prepared to open in neighboring East Germany.

Financial Roundup

Dollar up; rial strengthens

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 10 — After easing slightly, the dollar ended firmer in early trading on the European exchanges Friday on the hopes of higher U.S. interest rates and also because Euro-dollar rates were firm. But gold prices slipped, falling to \$498.5 in London, lowest in three weeks.

The fall in the dollar rates Wednesday and rapid turnaround Thursday and Friday was attributed to a small decline in federal funds rate — a rate upon which most commercial bank rates are based for short-term borrowing and lending. However, with Fed Funds rate at 14½ per cent levels, the New York markets felt that official United States policy concerning high interest rate levels might still be continued and this led to fresh dollar buying.

The fall in the dollar and the rapid turnaround surprises many operators, especially in Europe with an unfavorable time zone difference between the continent and America. One European dealer tersely characterized the up and down moves as "a reaction to a counter-reaction," but beneath the dry jargon there must be a lot of red faces.

Locally, the royal market Thursday firmed slightly in most tenors when the dollar rose on European exchanges. The Bahrain offer rate for the rial rose by ½ per cent in all tenors taking the one month JIBOR rate to 13 ½ per cent from Wednesday's 13 ¼ per cent, and the one-year to a 14 per cent. Dealing was very moderate in the Kingdom as banks did not again want to be caught on the wrong foot if the dollar's fortunes changed yet again.

Some business was generated out of the Bahrain OBU's (offshore banking unit) especially in the short term and the one week was quoted at 15 per cent. Spot rial against the dollar was quite active both locally and in Bahrain and gradually rose throughout the day from levels of 3.3505 — 10 to 3.3507-14, reflecting some demand for the dollar.

The dollar closed in early trading at 2.1405 marks against 2.133, at 5.059 French francs against 5.027, at 1.951 Swiss francs against 1.944, at 213.9 yen against 213.5 and at 35.17 Belgian francs against 34.78. Sterling eased against the dollar to 2.195 against 2.203, but was generally steady against European currencies.

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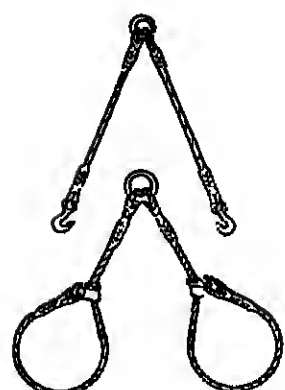
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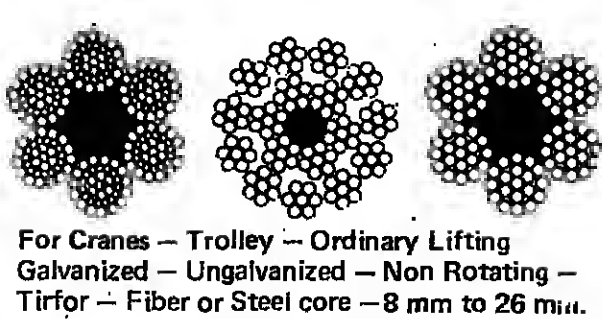
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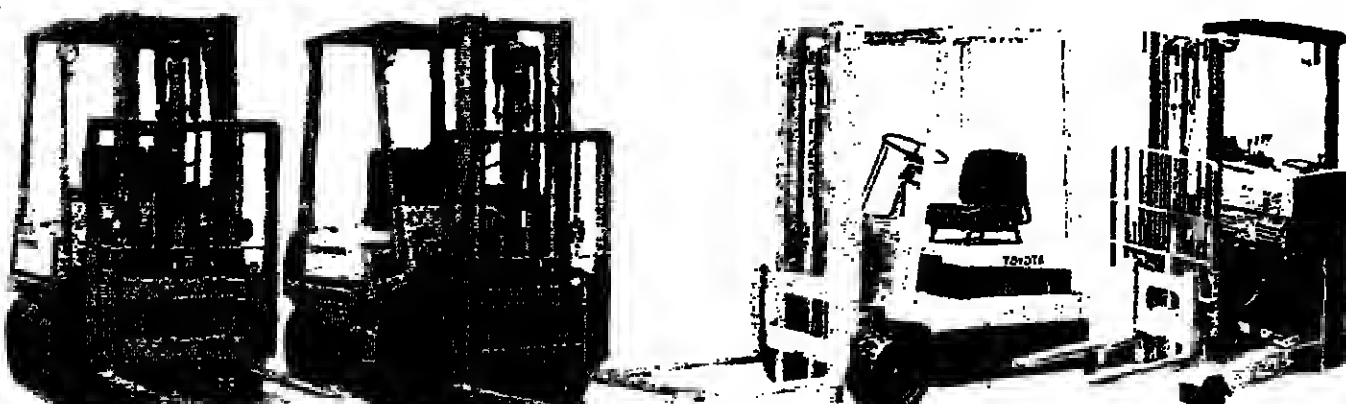
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As Yankees whip Rangers

Murcer corners opening day's glory

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — It was a baseball fairy tale acted out in front of 55,123 fans — the largest opening day crowd in the 58-year history of Yankee Stadium — and Bobby Murcer turned out to be cinderella.

Hanging onto his roster spot by the narrowest of threads, Murcer responded to a standing ovation from the record stadium crowd Thursday by walloping a pinch-hit, grand slam homer in the New York Yankees 10-3 rout of the Texas Rangers.

The fans are aware of Murcer's shaky status with the club. He will be 35 next month and there are a glut of outfielders already on the roster. So, they saluted the veteran with a roar for old times sake when he came up to bat in the seventh.

In other American League openers, Oakland downed Minnesota 5-1, Detroit walked Toronto 6-2 and California downed Seattle 6-2.

A'S 5, TWINS 1: Mike Norris, ace of the Oakland staff, tossed a six-hitter to get the A's season off to a winning start before another big opening-day crowd, 42,658 at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Norris, who posted a 22-9 record last year, no-hit the Twins until Mickey Hatcher beat

out an infield single in the fifth inning. Norris walked four and struck out three.

Tony Armas drove in the first run off Twins lefty Jerry Koosman in the fourth, and Armas scored later on a double by Jeff Newman. Mike Heath and Armas also homered for Oakland.

TIGERS 6, BLUE JAYS 2: Richie Hebner's three-run homer off reliever Mike Willis snapped a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning and powered Detroit over Toronto. Lou Whitaker led off the rally with a double off Joey McLaughlin, and Willis walked Steve Kemp to set the table for Hebner. Jack Morris tossed a five-hitter, walking five and striking out three.

Toronto led 1-0 and 2-1 but Detroit tied it up for the final time in the eighth on a triple by Al Cowens and Mick Kelleher's sacrifice fly. Opening day drew 51,452 spectators at Tiger Stadium.

ANGELS 6, MARINERS 2: Brian Downing hit a bases-loaded homer in the first inning, and Dan Ford homered in the eighth to pace California to an easy victory.

California loaded the bases with two out in the third, as single by Fred Lynn and walks to Don Taylor and Ford from Glenn Abbott. Downing chose a 3-2 Abbott delivery for his first career grand slam.

Ipswich set for showdown

LONDON, April 10 (AP) — Ipswich Town faces its second semifinal in four days when it plays Manchester City in the English F.A. Cup at Villa Park Saturday.

Ipswich is chasing a unique League, F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup treble. It defeated F.C. Cologne of West Germany 1-0 in its UEFA Cup semifinals first-leg match Wednesday night.

Manager Bobby Robson was delighted that his team — badly hit by injuries this season — came through that encounter without any problems. Only long-suffering full back George Burley is unavailable to play Manchester City.

The winner of the Villa Park semi meets the winner of the other semi — between Tottenham and Wolverhampton Wanderers — in the final at Wembley.

"For the first time in a long while we have a fully fit squad," said Ipswich manager Robson. "That's important because while this is the most exciting spell in the history of the club it is also a very demanding time."

Manchester City did not have a midweek match. Manager John Bond announced that Scottish International Gerry Gow had recovered from a knee injury that has caused him to miss six games.

Bond has not been happy with his team's League form, but promises an improvement against Ipswich. "Our league form since we reached the semifinal has left a lot to be desired," he admitted. "But there is no need to worry about us in the Cup. I'll certainly lift the players for this one."

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw had to make a decision between Argentine international Ricardo Villa — just back after injury — or teenager Garry Brooke in midfield. Villa's greater experience was likely to earn him the nod.

Both teams have been attack-minded for most of the season and Burkinshaw has no plans to curb his side's free-wheeling style.

"To change now would be committing suicide," he said. "May be I am tactically naive but I would hope no side of mine would go out and defend."

Tottenham midfielder Glenn Hoddle is hoping the match will end an 11-match goalless run for him. "I think you could say I am due for another one," he said with a smile.

Wolverhampton striker John Richards feels his team's indifferent League performances will have no relevance at Hillsborough.

The Spurs-Wolves match is more likely to produce goals.



Brian Downing

New Zealand finishes third

KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (AP) — New Zealand scored a fluent 4-1 victory over Ireland to finish third in the 12-Nation Second Inter-Continental Cup (field) Hockey Tournament here Friday.

The Kiwis, who led 2-1 at the breather, together with Soviet Union and host Malaysia qualified for the World Cup tournament to be held in Bombay later this year.

Meanwhile, India is planning a one-month playing tour of Europe in preparation for the World Cup.

The president of the Indian Hockey Federation I.M. Mahajan said Thursday the European tour, in September, would include the Soviet Union, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain. Negotiations were still going on with East and West German Hockey Federations for a possible tour of the two countries.

BRIEFS

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain (R) — Sweden said that Western democratic states which respected the independence of sports organizations would be unable to fulfil several articles in a draft United Nations convention aimed at curtailing discrimination in sport.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (R) — Leaders of the Olympic movement said Thursday they were satisfied with preparations for the 1984 Winter and Summer games in Arajevo and Los Angeles respectively, after hearing reports by the two organizing committees.

UPPSALA, Sweden, (R) — Hungary beat England 91-55 (halftime 49-27) in a women's European Basketball Championship qualifying tournament Thursday night. Hungary have qualified for the finals in September. England play Sweden, Friday to decide who will accompany them.

DACCA, (R) — South Korea, beat Bangladesh 2-0 in the final of the President's Gold Cup Football Tournament Thursday.

Caulkins shatters another U.S. mark

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, April 10 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins, the 18-year-old swim machine out of Nashville, Tennessee, keeps breaking U.S. pool records, but she is also interested in international recognition. "A goal is to get my world record back, and I'll be working hard to get it back," she said Thursday after shattering her own American mark in the women's 400-yard individual medley by 3 1/2 seconds in the second day of the U.S. Indoor Swimming championships at

Harvard's pool.

The victory was Caulkins' 29th U.S. record in five years, one short of the all-time mark set by Ann Curtis in the 1940s. Caulkins can break the record with victories in her last two events Friday in the four-day meet.

"Any time someone breaks your world record, you want to get it back," said the former 1978 world record holder in the 400-meter individual medley. She stroked

the 400 yards Thursday in four minutes, 4.2 seconds, a pool-length ahead of second-place finisher Patty Gavin of Philadelphia who swam the event in the morning's preliminaries.

Caulkins also set a record Wednesday winning the 200 backstroke, and now holds U.S. records in all five disciplines: freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke, individual medley and backstroke.

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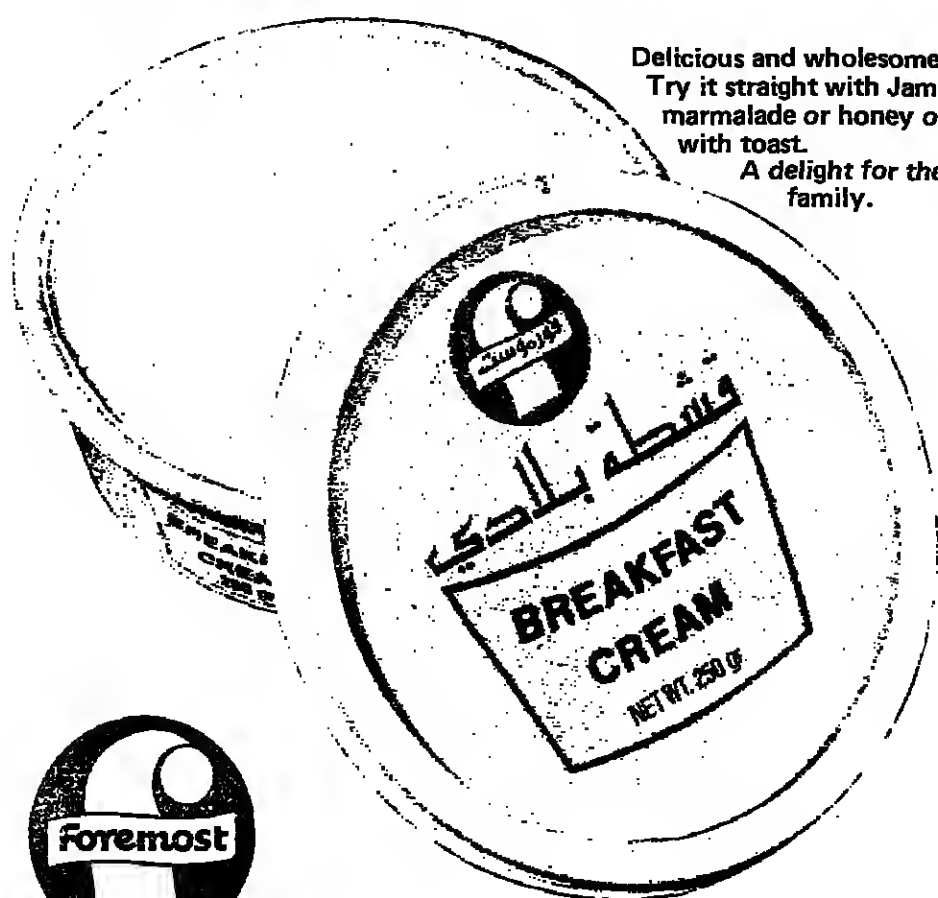
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Miller on fine comeback trail

GUSTA, Georgia, April 10 (AP) — Jerry Miller, Golf's comeback kid, continued his fast greens with a new putting stroke at a solid, under-par 69 and tied three for the first-round lead Thursday in the Masters.

Miller was once the game's golden boy but his slump until he turned it all around again. He shared the top spot in this year's Spring Classic with Greg Norman, an Australian holding international credentials going unknown to most Americans, until one of the longest hitters in the game, Curtis Strange.

Nicklaus, who pushed his record collection of major professional titles to 17 with last year in the U.S. Open and the U.S. Open, and Tom Watson, the outstanding in the game over the last four seasons, himself in position to challenge for the title.

Watson, winner of a record five Masters, 70 despite a poor start and a balky back, was another stroke behind at 71, two off the lead.

"I played with the 71," said Watson, "I've been fighting swing troubles all season, but I think I could have been a couple

of shots better. My swing was a little more comfortable. I hit some good shots. I'm encouraged."

Nicklaus was both pleased with his ball-striking and very displeased with his putting. "As far as striking the ball is concerned, this is one of the best rounds I've ever played here," he said. "If anyone else had been putting for me, it could have been a very good round."

He missed at least five times from six feet or less, including a birdie attempt on the 18th hole that would have given him a share of the top spot.

He was tied with Hubert Green, Australian, David Graham, Jim Simons, John Cook, Isao Aoki of Japan, runner-up to Nicklaus in last year's U.S. Open, and amateur Jim Holtgreave.

Tied with Watson at 71 were Ben Gröshaw, Jerry Pate, Gilbert, Don Pooley and Peter Jacobsen. Bruce Lietzke, the cross-handed putter who won two early-season titles, was another shot back at 72. South African Gary Player, a 3-time winner on these flower-bedecked hills, shot 73. So did Hale Irwin, a two-time American national champion and one of the pre-tournament favorites here.

Defending champion Seve Ballesteros of

Spain thrashed his way to a 78. "A bad day," he observed.

Ray Floyd, a former Masters champion and the season's leading money-winner, shot a 75. Palmer, a four-time winner here, had a 75. Sam Snead, a 68-year-old, had a 77. And Lee Trevino, who needs a victory here to become only the fifth man to score a career sweep of all the world's major titles, stumbled to a fat 77 and must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

And Keith Fergus, grinding along and listed on the big leader boards scattered around the course as threatening for the lead, ran into trouble with the rules.

He had to add six shots, penalty strokes, to his score of 70 for taking three improper drops. He was under the mistaken impression that the white-lined gallery-crossing areas were ground under repair and took drops from them.

The scores were not particularly low for the first round of this event, but the much-publicized, much-criticized change to Bent Grass on the greens had little if anything to do with it.

"The pins were the hardest in the history of the Masters for the first round," said Miller.

Hunt reigns supreme

LONDON, April 10 (R) — Australian Geoff Hunt underlined his supremacy in squash by claiming the British Open title for record eighth time Thursday night.

The world champion went one better than the great Hashim Khan by defeating 17-year-old Jahangir Khan of Pakistan 9-2, 9-7, 5-9, 9-7 in a splendid 133 minutes final.

Jahangir, the youngest finalist in the tournament's 51-year history, was forced into submission this time but he should prove a worthy successor when Hunt eventually retires from the sport he has graced for over a decade.

Hunt went for few outright winners in the first games. Instead, he played the ball to near perfect length at the back of the court and waited patiently for the nervous world No. 4 to make mistakes.

Neither player went for winners in the second game which lasted 51 minutes. A superb drop-shot eventually took the holder to a 3-0 advantage but he was then visibly winded when he collided with Jahangir at 8-4.

Play halted momentarily while Hunt recovered and he somehow managed to take the game despite Jahangir's powerful recovery.

Tony Meo surprises Virgo

SHEFFIELD, England, April 10 (R) — Britain's Tony Meo produced the first upset of the World Professional Snooker Championships Thursday when he completed a 10-6 victory over compatriot John Virgo, the 12th seed.

Resuming at 7-5, Meo had little difficulty in collecting the three frames he needed to

win the match. Meo, who also made the highest break of the championship so far, a superb 134 in the 16th frame, now meets Welshman Terry Griffiths, the 1979 champion.

Favorite Steve Davis also progressed to the second round at the expense of fellow-Briton Jimmy White, the 1980 World Amateur Champion.

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Noah, Vilas move ahead

NICE, France, April 10 (AP) — Top-seeded Yannick Noah of France moved into the quarter-finals of the \$50,000 Nice Open Tennis tournament Thursday by defeating Stephane Simonsson of Sweden in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Frenchman Paul Torie also advanced by coming from behind to defeat New Zealand's Chris Lewis 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. Yugoslavian Zeljko Franulovic scored an easy 6-2, 6-2 win over Sweden's Anders Jarryd. Jarryd, a little-known 20-year-old, had staged a surprising win Tuesday over Italian Corrado Barazzutti, who had been one of the favorites in the tournament.

Spain's Manuel Orantes blasted Thierry Tulasne of France 6-1, 6-1 to also qualify for the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Guillermo Vilas

Prost shines in unofficial trial

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, April 10 (AP) — Alain Prost of France set a one-lap speed record Thursday as he, and his countryman and Renault teammate Rene Arnoux led 27 drivers in unofficial trial for Sunday's Argentine Grand Prix auto race.

"It's hard to believe I went that fast," said Prost after clocking one minute 43.895 seconds on his 30th and final 5,968-meter lap of the practice session at the Buenos Aires Municipal Autodrome.

The time beat the year-old track record of 1:44.17 by 1980 Formula one champion Alan Jones of Australia, and was more than a second faster than Arnoux and the rest of Thursday's field. Prost's average speed was 206.8 kilometers per hour.

Jones and his Williams teammate, Carlos

Reutemann of Argentina, who have dominated the 1981 season two earlier races, had the third and sixth fastest times, respectively. Northern Ireland's John Watson, unveiling a new McLaren MP4 was fourth fastest. Brazil's Nelson Piquet was fifth in a Brabham.

Meanwhile, the Argentine Automobile club's technical commission barred the Lotus model T-88 from Sunday's race.

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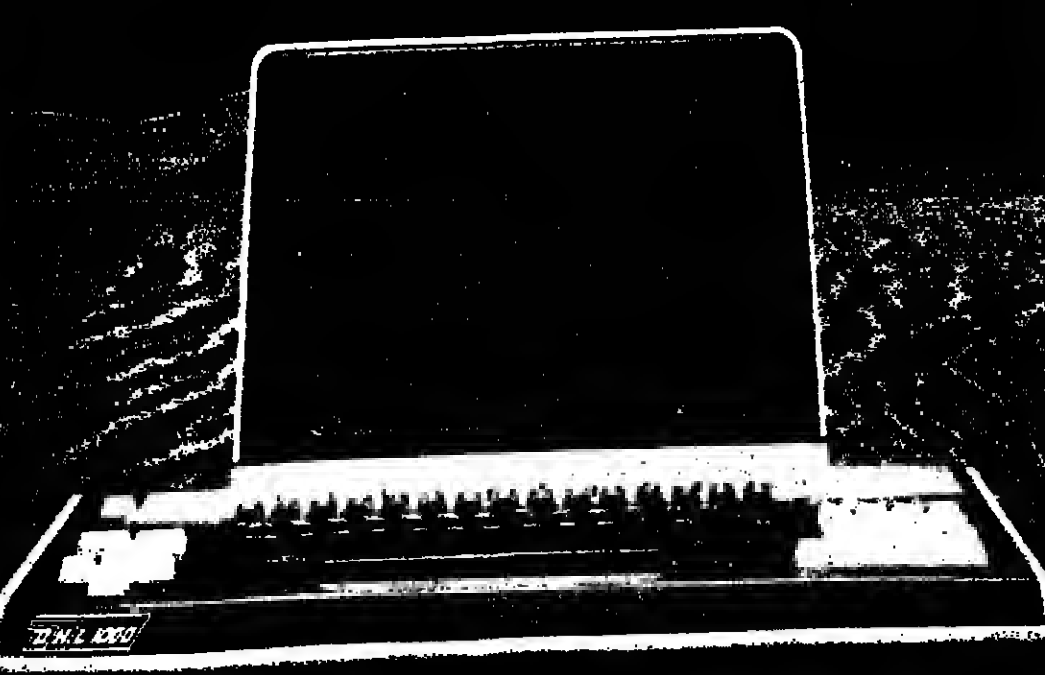
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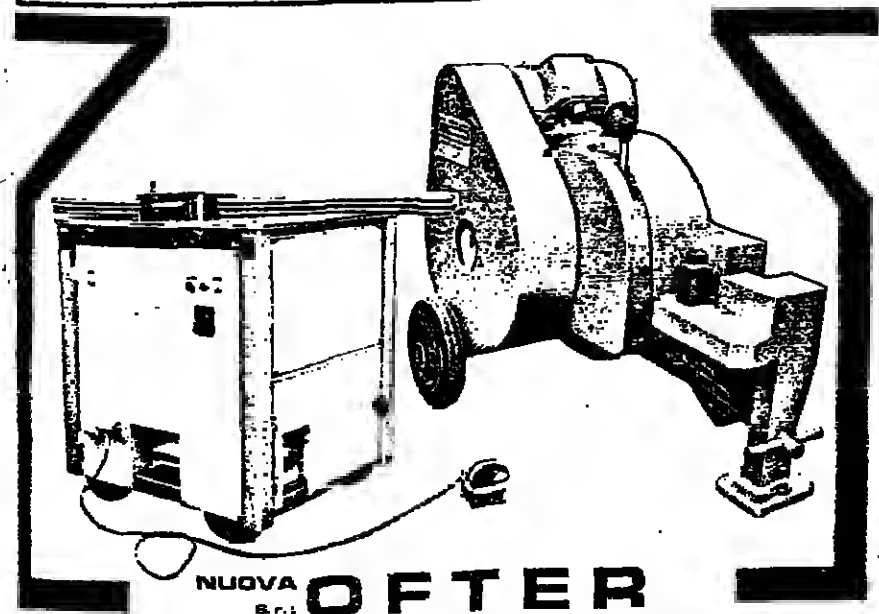
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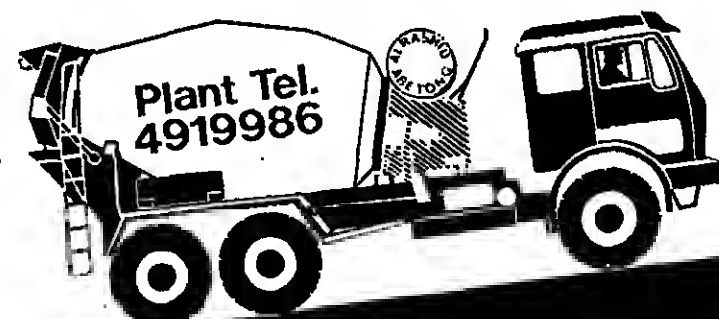
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Premier threatens to quit

60-day strike ban sought in Poland

WARSAW, April 10 (Agencies) — Poland's beleaguered government seized the initiative for the first time in more than nine months of crisis Friday and called for a 60-day ban on strikes and for other emergency measures to save the country from total chaos. Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski called for the ban in a nationally televised speech to the Sejm (parliament), and threatened to resign if his proposals were rejected. The Solidarity free trade union, which won the right to strike during a peaceful labor revolt last summer held meetings around the country to consider its response to the prime minister's demand.

In his first major address since his inaugural plea last February for 90 days of labor peace, Jaruzelski painted a grim picture of Poland since widespread labor unrest last summer spawned the independent union Solidarity. "The government," Jaruzelski said,

Gustav Husak re-elected Czech chief

PRAGUE, April 10 (AFP) — The 16th Czechoslovak Communist Party congress closed Friday after re-electing Gustav Husak to the head of the party and approving the 1981-85 five-year plan. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev thanked the Czech party Friday, before he returned to Moscow, for inviting him to the congress, which demonstrated, he said, that the party was "at the head of the (Czech) people", and stood to maintain "the ideals of the proletarian international". Observers at one time believed the congress might serve as an excuse for an informal mini-summit of several Warsaw Pact countries, just when the Soyuz-81 military maneuvers were in full swing.

But they also said that Warsaw Pact countries might have been divided on the Polish question, as speakers at the congress expressed delicate nuances in their appreciation of the ability of Polish Communists to solve their problems without outside intervention. Tension did appear to recede, however, following the end of the Warsaw Pact maneuvers Tuesday when Brezhnev delivered a speech here that appeared to give the Warsaw authorities more time to deal with their own problems.

"counts on the suspension of the right to strike bringing a general calming."

"But I must remind you that when I took over as premier, I promised to step down if the government can't fulfill its duties," he said. "This is the moment." Workers won the right to strike in agreements signed in the Gdansk shipyards last summer, but that right has not yet been codified in a labor law, one of several including an easing of censorship that is to be presented to the Sejm.

Gen. Jaruzelski had refrained from making major policy statements since taking office because he did not want them to be taken as warnings from the defense minister. He did not spell out the implication of this point. The prime minister, dressed in his general's uniforms, was loudly applauded at the end of his speech, leaving little doubt that the Sejm would approve his proposals.

Gen. Jaruzelski said his government could not "operate normally in the feverish conditions surrounding strike preparations." He cited local conflicts which broke out despite the accords reached after the violent incidents in the northern town of Bydgoszcz.

Gen. Jaruzelski said he considered Poland's economic situation was worse now than it when he took office two months ago. "We have not been able to reverse the trend. The home market has practically collapsed. Every day we are forced backwards and the question today is how to stop our nation collapsing from famine," he said.

The situation would be even worse without Soviet aid. Gen. Jaruzelski said, adding that Moscow had supplied raw materials and fuel which have "strategic value" for Poland. He announced an extension of food rationing, starting with cereal-based products. He also called on unions to "refrain from all wage claims this year," to avoid "at any price a weakening of the Zloty (the Polish currency)."

He launched the slogan "Everything for agriculture." On the question of registration of the rural Solidarity farmers union, Gen. Jaruzelski said contacts with the founding committee will continue "so as to find a solution to the problem which conforms to the interests of the Socialist state."

In Washington, American officials say the Soviet Union has moved helicopters, transport planes, pilots and technicians into Poland, heightening concern in the United States Moscow's intentions.



MASSACRE IN SALVADOR: Grief-stricken residents of the eastern suburb of Monte Carmelo in San Salvador look at some of the persons slain in the streets Tuesday. Two carloads of men in uniforms and civilian clothes drove into the poor suburb early Tuesday, pulled 23 persons from their homes and shot them in the streets, while seven others were slain in their homes.

Weinberger ends visit

ROME, April 10 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger wound up a week-long tour of western Europe Friday as U.S. officials reiterated that any negotiations on future arms control would be dependent on the removal of the Soviet threat against Poland.

Weinberger left Rome after two days of meetings in Italy, the second NATO ally after West Germany to agree on the installation of 572 new Pershing-2 and low-flying Cruise missiles in western Europe in the second half of 1983.

Besides the Italian ministers, Weinberger held talks with the U.S. commanders of the 6th fleet and of NATO southern Europe. Senior defense officials said the general subject of shoring up of allied naval forces in the Mediterranean in the wake of the departure of some U.S. ships to the Pacific had been discussed.

But the officials added the main thrust of Weinberger's last stop was to express U.S. appreciation for Italy's decisions to increase its defense expenditures by 8 per cent and install the new missiles on its territory.

Meanwhile, President Ronald Reagan believes that a NATO statement linking Soviet international behavior to the start of arms control negotiations was "a significant contribution to the prospects for world peace," the White House said in Washington Thursday. A statement released by deputy secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan "is very pleased by this strong expression of allied unity."

Speakes said the NATO document "reflects the full and extensive consultations which the administration has had with our European allies since Jan. 20."

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass Friday accused West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of "misleading juggling with figures" about nuclear armaments in his speech to parliament Friday.

Italy cancels some flights

MILAN, April 10 (AP) — Italian newsstands were closed by a nationwide strike Friday and wildcat stoppages by hostesses and stewards of Italy's airline company Alitalia forced cancellation of some intercontinental flights.

Meanwhile, about 3 million public employees prepared for a full day of walkouts Monday, which are expected to close down post offices, elementary schools, kindergartens and clinics.

The Labor Ministry began mediation aimed at preventing a seven-day strike by Italian pilots which could disrupt air traffic in the busy holiday period April 14-20. Pilots are demanding doubling of their present pay. Hostesses are urging fringe benefits.

The Milan-New York and Rome-Boston flights were among those canceled Friday. Owners of newsstands struck to protest plans to sell daily newspapers outside traditional channels. Groups of students and newsboys sold newspapers in the city streets and subway stations.

Jailed IRA member wins election in U.K.

BELFAST, April 10 (AFP) — Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands, who is now serving a sentence in the Maze prison here and has been on a hunger strike for the last 41 days, was Friday elected to the British parliament from Fermanagh and South Tyrone in Northern Ireland. Election authorities said that Sands, 27, received 30,492 votes against 29,046 for Unionist (Protestant) candidate Harry West.

But Sands will not be able to sit in the House of Commons. He is behind bars for terrorist crimes.

Meet Bani-Sadr today

Mediators arrive in Iran

TEHRAN, April 10 (Agencies) — The four-man conaligned mission attempting to mediate a solution to the war between Iraq and Iran arrived here Friday. The mission was due to meet President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Saturday and to attend a working session with the Iranian Defense Council, before leaving Sunday, official sources said.

The mission includes the foreign ministers of Cuba, India and Zambia and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) observer at the United Nations. At the airport, the four said that they had no specific proposals to put to Iran as yet. A statement described the Gulf conflict as "endangering the nonaligned movement."

Iranian religious leaders have rejected any conciliation with Iraq. Ayatollah Khomeini told a crowd at Tehran University Friday "we are not against peace but we are against conciliation."

A total of 124 Iranians were killed in fighting in various sectors of the Gulf war Wednesday, an Iraqi high command communique said Thursday. The communique, released by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), said 66

of the Iranians lost their lives in the Gilan-e-Gharb area, in western Kermanshah province. Thirty-one more Iranians were killed in ground fighting in the Susangard area of Khuzestan province it added. According to the communique, 19 Iranians were killed in the Abadan area, of the same province. Iraqi losses were put at 14 killed.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Tehran that the Iranian president is likely to be put on trial for his alleged role in provoking last month's Tehran University clashes. A spokesman of the president's office said that Ayatollah Muwavi Ardabili, Iran's prosecutor-general, had said that if "the evidence is true and proven, we will carry out the trial."

Ardabili was referring to last month's Tehran University rally on the anniversary of the death of former Prime Minister Muhammad Mossadegh, when supporters and opponents of Bani-Sadr clashed. More than 40 persons were reported to have been injured after the president asked his supporters to disperse hecklers.

Refugee help nears \$500m

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 10 (AP) — In one of the most sizable contributions announced at a high-level conference on aid to African refugees, Japan pledged Friday \$33 million in assistance funds for the continent's dispossessed, estimated at 5 million persons in 25 countries.

Japan's pledge, to be channeled through relief agencies, has been exceeded only by the United States, which said Thursday it will contribute \$285 million over two years, and by West Germany, which announced an aid package of \$34.5 million.

The Soviet Union and most east European countries are absent at the conference, the goal of which is to solicit up to \$1.24 billion in pledges for emergency aid and additional

development assistance, for Africa's refugee-receiving countries. Nearly \$500 million in new and previously committed assistance funds had been pledged by early Friday, the last scheduled day of the conference, organized by the United Nations, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

In addition, China — which recently turned for the first time to the international community for disaster relief assistance — announced Friday a cash pledge of \$1 million to African refugees. "Our ability falls short of our wish to provide material help for our African friends," Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Zhang Canming told the conference, to which 94 countries have sent delegations.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

When I first came to London to live and work, I moved into a house whose previous owner had installed an anti-burglar alarm system. Now I have no great fear of burglars, since my valuables are few. Yet I thought of leaving the system where it was — no harm in giving neighbors the impression that I brought the contents of a whole Aladdin cave with me.

One day I came back from work to a most tremendous din. The whole place was agog: the end of the world, everyone thought, was nigh. Needless to say it was my alarm system. Something, or someone had at least alarmed it.

My first thoughts as I rushed into the house were of embarrassment before my neighbors, but the fool of a thief who wanted to help recycle all that fabulous "Arab wealth." I was wondering whether to strike a deal with him, whereby he would say nothing about the state of my furniture, and I give him money for his tax back home.

The police arrived as I was still fumbling with my door. They had been called by neighbors — not out of concern for my welfare, but simply to stop that infernal noise. They were polite but stern. They helped open the door and one of them, most unkindly I thought, looked around, and wondered why I have an alarm system, let alone one as loud as this.

We soon found the cause for the system going off. A short circuit, caused by rain. The thing was switched off and I promised to remove the whole thing as soon as the company which had originally installed it came to take it back. They said they were "prepared to consider the incident closed" if I did this (The police always talk like this).

Since then I live without an alarm system — for all the neighbors to know there's nothing worth stealing in the house. But now I have an idea, which came after reading recently of a new departure in this field. An alarm system which talks to you softly, telling you to close that window and make sure you lock the door.

You can give it a secret password. It will then verbally challenge anyone who comes near it, and if the password isn't soon coming it would raise a Cain. But here I would make an alteration.

Instead of raising Cain it would employ a whining voice, begging the prowler's forgiveness for the failure of his expedition. It would then direct him to the mantle piece where a modest amount of money awaits him to ease his way home. "Please don't spread the word about the state of our furniture," it would beg as it bids him farewell.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

Radium needles found on road by Belgians

BRUSSELS, April 10 (AFP) — Two needles of radium were found on a sidewalk in Mons, Belgium, by a university research team, officials said here Friday. The research team suddenly picked up a high level of radioactivity when driving through the town with detection equipment.

An investigation has still not determined the origin of the needles, similar to those used by doctors for radiotherapy. The radioactivity involved presented little danger, unless the needles were handled or carried for some length of time, health officials said.

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